

## Report of 'Israel N-bomb' doubted

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LONDON. — A South American journalist's claim, reported in a newspaper here today, that Israel has manufactured five neutron bombs, has immediately been challenged by scientists and expert observers.

According to today's *Sunday Mirror*, Oscar Edmondo Guerrero has been selling photos purportedly showing components of the devices inside the Dimona nuclear power plant. Guerrero claims that Israel has five neutron bombs, — capable of wiping out life-forms with a massive dose of radiation while leaving buildings intact.

Guerrero, *The Mirror* reported, offered his story first to *The Sunday Times*, but claimed that they had tried to cheat him out of credit. He then approached *The Mirror* with what he called "the biggest story since Watergate," which he offered to sell for £200,000.

Guerrero, *The Mirror* reported, said that his source of information about the story was a Prof. Mordechai Vanunu, a scientist who had left Israel's nuclear programme and gone to Australia because he was "disenchanted with Israel's aggressive stance."

Two top British scientists, however, have cast serious doubts on the story, saying that the photos with which Guerrero backs up his tale could have been taken "in a laboratory anywhere in the world."

Another expert added that if the materials for the manufacture of a neutron bomb were arranged as Guerrero's pictures suggested, "the plant would probably blow sky high."

The press attache at the Israel Embassy here said that "there is not," (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

## Zealots assault elderly couple

An elderly secular couple was beaten up on Friday by six ultra-Orthodox youths who came to their home soliciting contributions for a "bridal fund."

Simha and Yitzhak Nahshon, who live on Rehov Shomrei Hakotel near Mahane Yehuda, were hospitalized at Shaare Zedek hospital. Simha Nahshon told police that the same youths had come to their home a week earlier, when she refused to make a contribution.

On Friday, she said, she agreed to give them money and went to the back of the house for her purse when the men broke in, turned over furniture and began beating the couple. She said they threw a potted plant at her, causing a cut to her head and a black eye. Her husband was beaten on the face and body, she said.

Police say they know the identity of two of the assailants and are tracking them down.

Some of the youths are believed to have argued with Yitzhak Nahshon over his alleged "immodest behaviour." (Itim)

## Jordanian official in areas stabbed

Jerusalem Post Staff  
The senior Jordanian health official in the West Bank, Dr. Yassir Obeid, was stabbed outside his home late Friday night near the Al-Amari refugee camp north of Ramallah.

Obeid is the deputy director of the government hospital in Ramallah and head of internal medicine. He was attacked by two young men, and brought to the hospital with medium injuries.

As the attackers made no attempt to rob their victims, police believe the stabbing was politically motivated.

## Former Shin Bet chief's statement contradicted

## Moda'i, Meridor questioned in GSS affair

By MENACHEM SHALEV  
For The Jerusalem Post  
MKs Yitzhak Moda'i (Likud-Liberal) and Dan Meridor (Likud-Herut) were questioned by the police in the course of the Shin Bet (General Security Service) probe, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

According to sources close to the investigation, former Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom told police that Vice Premier Moda'i had confirmed to then justice minister Moda'i that the bus-hijack cover-up had been carried out with Shamir's knowledge and approval.

Moda'i, however, denied Shalom's account of his conversation with Shamir. According to some sources, Shalom had said he had been present when Moda'i phoned Shamir to verify Shalom's claim that his actions were performed with "authority and permission."



Israel Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir greets his Hungarian counterpart, Peter Varkony, at UN headquarters in New York. The talks centred on steps towards normalizing relations. (AFP)

## Israel's point of view accepted

## U.S. goes easy on tax-reform call

By SHLOMO MAOZ  
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WASHINGTON. — The U.S. administration will not insist on Israel's implementing any tax reform quickly, due to a lack of resources needed to finance the measures. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, now on his first visit here, made it clear at a press conference on Friday that the administration has accepted his point of view, that the political and economic situation in Israel does not permit bold initiatives of this sort.

Nissim referred to a letter sent several months ago to Prime Minister Peres by Secretary of State George Shultz, in which he called for more stringent measures to revive Israel's economy. The need for tax-reform was stressed in this message as a way to stimulate growth.

But it seems that the administra-

tion has changed its stance, and is now ready to accept a slower pace of implementation for the tax reform, which was to start this coming January.

At the same time, Nissim assured Treasury Secretary James Baker that Israel plans to abolish tax breaks that have been given for years to special groups.

Nissim said that two other steps in the economic plan would be implemented as scheduled, namely the reduction of government intervention in the capital market and the selling of government firms to the private sector. The aim of these steps is to promote economic growth.

He stressed that the administration has not dictated to Israel how to carry out the economic plan, but both sides see it as the best path for the Israel economy to follow.

In an interview with *The Post*, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## New page in Israel ties with Poland

By WALTER RUBY  
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NEW YORK. — Foreign Minister Shamir on Friday hailed "a new page in the relationship" between Israel and Poland, as he and Polish Foreign Minister Marian Orzechowski agreed that the two countries will open interest sections in Tel Aviv and Warsaw within the next three weeks.

According to the spokesman for Israel's UN mission, Shamir and Orzechowski agreed during an hour-long meeting on Friday that the interest sections will be headed by senior diplomats, and each will have direct access to the foreign ministers of the host country. The spokesman said that the two ministers agreed that the first priority of the two countries should be expanding economic and cultural ties.

Orzechowski reportedly requested that Israeli artists and performing groups come on tours of Poland, so that the Polish people can become reacquainted with Israel.

Shamir reportedly expressed the hope that further steps — an apparent allusion to full diplomatic ties — would follow, though he said he understood that it was best to let the process of normalization develop gradually.

Meeting in Shamir's Manhattan hotel suite, Orzechowski spoke in Polish, and Shamir did not need a translator. Shamir, responding in English, reportedly spoke of his memories of growing up in Poland before the Holocaust. Orzechowski said that the Poles and Jews have many common memories, growing from 1,000 years of common history. He noted that the two peoples suffered more from the Nazis than any other nations had.

Shamir also met Friday with the foreign ministers of Jamaica, Britain, Mexico, the Netherlands and Singapore. According to Israel's UN spokesman, several of these countries strongly urged Israel to withdraw its troops from the security zone in southern Lebanon, and to allow Unifil to deploy along the international border. Shamir rejected this advice outright, and in sharp language pointed out what he termed the "absurdity" of believing that the Unifil forces would be safer than at present if they were the only force attempting to keep Hizbollah and Palestinian terrorists from infiltrating into Israel.

## Ashkelon man dies in Gaza stabbing

Jerusalem Post Staff  
GAZA. — An Ashkelon man was murdered yesterday while shopping in an alley off the main street of Gaza.

At 8:55 a.m., 35-year-old Haim Azran was buying grapes, together with another Ashkelon man, when he was attacked from behind. He was stabbed twice in the throat and once in the back.

Army and police forces who rushed to the scene cordoned off the area and imposed a curfew. Thirty local residents were arrested, but were later released.

Doctors at a nearby military first-aid station tried to resuscitate the victim, who was then transferred to Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon, and from there by helicopter to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba.

Azran, father of four young boys, had arrived with his friend to shop in the market early in the morning. At one stall, they apparently had an altercation with the owner who refused to let them choose their own grapes.

As his friend, Mordechai Mord, continued down the alley, Azran stopped at a second stall when he was suddenly attacked.

According to Mord, he heard Azran shouting: "I've been stabbed. Help me." Mord said he ran to his friend, who was still fully conscious, and carried him to their car. He then raced to the nearby military government headquarters.

Mord charged that the army doctors were slow in organizing help, and that Azran died because of loss of blood before the helicopter arrived.

Questioned by police, the stall-owner with whom Azran had earlier quarrelled claimed that the attacker was "a strong young man" who had fled the scene.

Security forces linked yesterday's murder to the death of a Rafah man in a demonstration last Saturday.

In a telephone call to the French press agency, the Force-17 terrorist group declared that its members were responsible for the murder of the Israeli.

When the curfew was lifted later in the morning, the Gaza market was full of Israelis doing their usual Saturday shopping.

29 reported dead; 131 wounded

## Street battles in Beirut as rival Christian factions clash

BEIRUT. — Rival Christian factions clashed in day-long street battles for control of East Beirut yesterday with each side claiming the upper hand at nightfall. Police said 29 people had been killed and 131 wounded.

The command of the Lebanese Forces, the nation's largest Christian militia, claimed it had blunted a thrust by supporters of its ousted pro-Syrian commander Elie Hobeika across the city's dividing Green Line from the Muslim sector.

The Lebanese Forces commander, Samir Jeajea issued a victory statement afterwards, assuring the Christian population that the "aggressors have been wiped out."

But Muslim-controlled radio stations quoted unnamed spokesmen for Hobeika as saying their forces had "captured large sections of East Beirut and are closing in on Jeajea's war council headquarters."

Lebanon's state radio said the predominantly Christian 10th Brigade of the Lebanese Army intervened and chased both warring factions off the Green Line, bringing under military control throughout the Christian sector. (See story, page 3)

There was no way to verify the conflicting claims as massive artillery duels engulfed the two halves of the Lebanese capital.

"It was a very, very big battle," said one witness. "I saw many fighters hit and there was lots of blood afterwards on the streets. Buildings were set ablaze, dozens of cars gutted."

Artillery explosions and occasional bursts of automatic fire still echoed across the capital after darkness fell.

Hawker Hunter jets streaked low over the city as the fighting raged.

Army sources cited by state-owned Beirut Radio said they were on reconnaissance flights.

The Lebanese Forces accused Brig. Ghazi Kanaan, head of Syrian military intelligence in Lebanon, of directing an assault on East Beirut by fighters loyal to Hobeika.

Hobeika, now based in Damascus, was ousted by Jeajea in January after signing a Syrian-mediated peace pact with Muslim militias.

Frontal assaults across the Green Line are extremely rare, and the battlefield has remained virtually static since the early years of the civil war which erupted in 1975.

## British reporter foils kidnap attempt

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Damascus sent hundreds of commandos to West Beirut last July to help Lebanese Army troops and police curb militia anarchy there, but no Syrian troops are deployed near the Green Line.

The outbreak of fighting at dawn jolted thousands of residents out of bed. They rushed to basements and bomb shelters as Christian radio stations called a curfew throughout the Christian sector.

Black smoke billowed from the fighting areas as fire engines and ambulances raced with wailing sirens in the streets. Christian radio stations blared appeals from hospitals for blood donations.

Pro-Jeajea sources said the Shi'ite Amal militia in West Beirut intervened at mid-morning with a massive barrage of artillery against East Beirut to support the anti-Jeajea uprising. Amal later denied the charge.

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GENEVA	11-15	16	61	Cloudy
HELSINKI	11-15	16	61	Cloudy
HONG KONG	21-26	28	78	Cloudy
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LONDON	11-15	16	61	Cloudy
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Safed	49	18-27	31
Haifa Port	60	21-31	31
Tiberias	41	21-35	36
Nazareth	52	21-30	31
Ufa	52	21-30	31
Shimon	47	20-30	31
Tel Aviv	64	22-30	31
B-G Airport	63	21-30	31
Jericho	41	25-35	36
Gaza	63	22-30	31
Beer Sheva	38	21-32	33
Eilat	28	25-37	38

### SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Ben and Joe Weider Physical Fitness Club was dedicated on the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus last Thursday, (September 25, 1986), in the presence of Ben Weider of Canada.

Binyamin Gal-Ed has been appointed director of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. He is to assume the post on October 15.

### ARRIVALS

From New York, Mrs. Frieda Lewis, chairwoman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, for the dedication of the Yehonatan Ben-Nun Center for the Study of the Holocaust, to the Chagall Synagogue in Hadassah Ein Kerem. Mr. Strassburger will also attend this afternoon's dedication ceremony.

### TAX REFORM

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Nissim implied that the present rate of exchange would continue for the foreseeable future, to ensure economic stabilization. He added that the government is not likely to issue unlinked bonds in the short run.

In addition, no further support will be extended to exporters, due to the need to cut the government budget. But he said that the government is seeking to reduce labour costs by cutting the employers' contributions to National Insurance, and this could be accomplished when the next cost-of-living increment is paid.

Nissim assured the Americans that the policy of stabilization leading to economic growth would continue after the rotation of the premiership next month. This can be done, Nissim said, if he maintains the tough line on demands for greater welfare expenses that he has already laid down with demands for aid from exporters.

Nissim spoke with Shultz and Baker about reducing the rate of interest Israel pays on its loans from the U.S., which amounts to about \$300 million annually.

This week Israel will receive \$375m. from the U.S., the last instalment of the \$1.5 billion supplementary grant made over the past two years.

### September surprise for Moscovites - snow

MOSCOW (AP). - Moscow residents got an unexpected September surprise - snow. Thick flakes whirled down in a four-hour snowfall that dusted rooftops, cars and the still-blooming flowers and trees lining squares and avenues.

## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

### \$4.5 million in forged bills seized

# Police crack down on Tel Aviv counterfeiters

By YORAM GAZIT

For The Jerusalem Post  
TEL AVIV. - \$4.5 million in counterfeit dollars were confiscated on Friday by the police in a small printing plant in Tel Aviv, police said.

The alleged leader of the counterfeiting gang, a 37-year-old Ashdod man, was caught with the forged dollars in his hands. Four other alleged gang members were arrested, two in the printing plant and two later in their homes. Police said more arrests are expected.

After five months on the case, the National Police Unit for Major Crimes stated on the printing plant on Rehov Yishod Hamala. After three alleged gang members arrived at 2 a.m. Friday to print the counter-

feit dollars, the police detectives secretly watched the printing process.

When the work was completed at 6 a.m., and the alleged gang leader started to take the forged \$100 bills to a rented car, the detectives arrested him.

The police unit has caught five counterfeiting gangs in the last five years, the largest included some members arrested in the U.S. by the Treasury Department's Secret Service.

This latest ring, the largest one that had ever operated in the central district, was the most sophisticated, and their forging quality was so high that the dollars could have easily passed through all counterfeit detec-

tion devices, police said. According to police, the gang used a paper which was almost identical to the genuine paper, and changed their plates every 600 bills to alter the series number.

Following the arrest of the five men, the police found more printing paper hidden in a storage room in the centre of the country, from which the gang could have printed another \$200 to \$300 million.

The police said they have informed U.S. authorities about the exposure of the gang because there is strong suspicion that other members are active in the U.S.

The police are searching for 10 other people suspected of belonging to this gang.

## Dubek executives suspected of \$15m. tax fraud and smuggling

The Dubek cigarette company and several of its senior executives and board members are suspected of failing to report about \$15 million in income and of smuggling large sums abroad over the past seven years.

This case came to light through requests submitted by tax investigators to the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court during the past few weeks. The court imposed a blackout order on publication of the investigation until September 18, but the documents were nevertheless kept locked

in a safe until late last week.

The executives are suspected of making false declarations about the price of the tobacco purchased by the company, stating that it cost 10 times more than the prevailing market prices. They are also suspected of smuggling cash abroad and of falsely declaring low prices for imported goods that are subject to high customs duties.

On September 9, the court issued orders preventing eight of the execu-

tives from leaving the country, but the orders against five of them were lifted on Friday. Search warrants have also been issued against various company officials and board members.

Arrest warrants were also issued for three senior executives and board members who have been abroad. One of the board members, Ruth Hirsch, was recently arrested and questioned on her return from abroad, and was released on NIS 50,000 bail on Friday.

## Burg to re-resign

By SARAH HONIG

Post Political Correspondent  
TEL AVIV. - Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg has promised to resign again, after last week's resignation was pronounced invalid.

The expectation in Burg's National Religious Party and in the government is that Burg will tender another resignation this morning at the cabinet's regular Sunday session.

Cabinet secretary Yosef Beilin on Friday deemed Burg's first attempt at resignation as "highly irregular, unacceptable and unprecedented," on two counts:

Burg's resignation letter was set to Prime Minister Peres, without first informing the cabinet of his intention to resign, and the letter stipulated that his resignation was to take effect three days before the next session of the Knesset. According to the law, a resignation takes effect 48 hours after it has been tendered and no special arrangements can be made.

Burg said he did not know the law and would try again, but his uncon-

ventional resignation, coming after many unkept promises to resign, angered some circle in the NRP.

Supporters of MK Zevulun Hammer, chosen by the party convention earlier this month to replace Burg in the cabinet, maintained that "this is one more of Burg's many tricks." They suspect that Burg may be betting on a last-minute rotation hitch after Peres has tendered his resignation and before Yitzhak Shamir is sworn in. This would bring about transition government from which no minister can leave. The argument in most NRP quarters is that Burg is playing for time until rotation, so that he may be "frozen" in a transition cabinet.

Burg himself discounts this and says that he merely did not know how to resign and that he would do it right this morning.

If Burg indeed successfully resigns this week, Hammer's supporters will try to call a special Knesset session to approve his appointment and swear him in. Such a session must be initiated by the government.

## Lahat quits as head of new Liberal Centre Party

By SARAH HONIG

Post Political Correspondent  
TEL AVIV. - Mayor Shlomo Lahat resigned over the weekend from the leadership of the four-month-old Liberal Centre Party (LCP), calling the party a "bitter disappointment."

Lahat however has agreed to serve on a five-member committee to study the party's state and to recommend ways to improve it.

The LCP was founded by Liberal politicians who oppose the projected merger of the Liberal wing of the Likud with Herut. The party's

founding convention was marred by squabbling making for what many saw as an inauspicious beginning.

Lahat for a considerable time has been at odds with another founder, former energy minister Yitzhak Ben-Zur. Lahat now says that the LCP has failed to rouse the public's imagination. He also says that he has failed to attract the financial contributions to keep the LCP going, and that he does not have enough time for it.

Lahat was featured as the party's greatest potential vote-getter.

## Expelled Libyan student wins appeal in Spain

ALICANTE, Spain (Reuters). - A Libyan student deported from Spain earlier this year has won an appeal against expulsion and can return to continue his studies, his lawyer said yesterday.

Francisco Ruiz said a court in this southern city ruled Friday that an order expelling his client, Abderraman Ben-Hamida, was illegal because he had not been given the chance to defend himself.

## N-BOMB

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and there never has been, a scientist by the name of Vanunu working in nuclear research in Israel.

He confirmed that a Mordechai Vanunu worked as a junior technician at the Atomic Energy Commission, but said he had been dismissed some time ago for unstable behaviour.

Most serious doubts about the validity of the story stem from Guerrero's alleged record of deception and theft. According to an Interpol source, Guerrero uses an international press card to trick newspapers into handing over money in return for false information. He is said to have sold a Portuguese journal photos purportedly showing an Indonesian massacre in 1983 which later turned out to have been taken in Vietnam.

Guerrero's claim is based on 37 photos of what he claimed were the inside and outside of the Dimona plant. He also produced supposed photographs showing him together with Premier Peres, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, assassinated PLO official Issam Sartawi and other public figures, as evidence of his good connections.

SPYING. - Sweden Friday ordered an unidentified Czechoslovak embassy official, who is not an accredited diplomat, to leave the country for what it called "activities incompatible with his official mission" - a phrase routinely used to describe spying.

JUSTICES. - William Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th Chief Justice of the U.S. and Antonin Scalia became a Supreme Court Associate Justice at a White House ceremony witnessed by President Reagan, Friday.

### FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

#### E. German soldier flees over Wall

BERLIN (AP). - An East German soldier climbed over border barriers near the Brandenburg Gate yesterday and dashed to West Berlin without drawing fire from fellow Communist border guards, police said.

The escape brought to eight the number of East Germans who have fled to West Germany within a week.

The soldier wore his uniform but carried no weapons when he reached West Berlin yesterday, West Berlin police said.

They also reported that East German guards apparently foiled another escape attempt earlier yesterday when a man tried to crash his car through concrete border barriers at a crossing point in West Berlin's Wedding district.

#### 52 countries sign pact for nuclear cooperation

VIENNA (Reuters). - The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ended a special conference on Friday with 52 member states, including the Soviet Union, signing conventions to improve international cooperation in the wake of a nuclear accident.

The conventions were born out of last April's Chernobyl disaster which sent radiation far beyond Soviet borders. One accord obliges states to warn fellow countries of radiation leaking from a nuclear power plant which threatens their territory. The second convention calls for international assistance in the aftermath of a nuclear accident.

#### Chernobyl blast hits Soviet tourist trade

MOSCOW (Reuters). - A number of foreign firms cancelled tourist contracts with the Soviet Union after the Chernobyl nuclear accident in April, the newspaper Moskovskaya Pravda said yesterday.

But the daily said Western propaganda had exaggerated the extent of cancellations, which it said had not substantially affected tourism. It did not say how many contracts had been cancelled of the approximately 5 million foreigners who visit the Soviet Union annually.

#### Small leak at Swiss nuclear power plant

BERNE (Reuters). - A defective filter caused a small leak of radioactivity from a nuclear power station at nearby Muehleberg last Wednesday, temporarily contaminating a worker, plant spokesman said Friday.

The leak of radioactive resin was well below permitted levels and no more traces of radioactivity were found on the worker after he showered and changed his clothes, the spokesman said.



John Demjanjuk

(Harari)

### Four offences punishable by death

# Demjanjuk to be charged tomorrow

By MENACHEM SHALEV

For The Jerusalem Post

The charge sheet against John Demjanjuk, which is to be submitted tomorrow to the Jerusalem District Court, will accuse the suspected Nazi war criminal of four principal offences: crimes against the Jewish people, crimes against humanity, crimes against persecuted people, and war crimes. These offences are punishable by death.

A request for an extension of Demjanjuk's remand until the end of the proceedings against him is to be submitted together with the charge sheet.

The prosecution intends to call some 50 witnesses. Of these, about 15 will be Treblinka survivors who spent many months alongside the infamous "Ivan the Terrible" when they were compelled to labour in the camp's gas chambers. Nearly all of these survivors reside in Israel, although one or two may come to testify from Europe.

An 80-year-old former S.S. guard who was in Treblinka will also be asked to testify. The man, who has

identified Demjanjuk as "Ivan the Terrible," will probably give his testimony in Germany.

Demjanjuk's trial, which will probably open in January, will apparently be held in the small auditorium of Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma Convention Centre. The panel of three judges will be comprised of one Supreme Court Justice, to be picked by Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, and two district court judges.

The prosecution team, headed by State Attorney Yona Blattman, includes the director of the State Attorney Office's international affairs department, Meir Dennis Gouldman; a senior assistant in the Jerusalem District Attorney's office, Michael Shaked; and Michael Horowitz of the Central District Attorney's office.

Demjanjuk's U.S. lawyer, Mark O'Connor, is expected to arrive in Israel in the next few days. Demjanjuk has been held in jail here since his extradition from the U.S. in February.

### Arab job-seekers protest 'neglect'

By YOEL DAR

For The Jerusalem Post

NAZARETH. - Hundreds of local job-seekers demonstrated here and in neighbouring villages on Friday, accusing the government of neglecting the Arab sector. The protest was organized by the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality.

The demonstrators carried placards charging that the government had turned down municipal demands for funds that would stimulate industry and create jobs.

Some of the unemployed have been out of work for the past six months. The demonstrators kept

their children away from school.

Local Labour Secretary Muhammad Abu Ahmed said that the employment situation had deteriorated lately. He said that last August some 2,500 job seekers were registered at the local labour exchange with hundreds still on the dole.

Abu Ahmed called on the Industry and Trade Ministry to grant Nazareth development-town status like that accorded to Upper Nazareth, and encourage investment there. He urged the Interior Ministry to set up a large industrial zone and to allocate land to persons for factories and workshops.

### MK protests action on Druse students

By YOEL DAR

For The Jerusalem Post

HAIFA. - Shinui MK Zeidan Atashi has protested against the decision of several universities not to allow dozens of Druse students to enter certain faculties because of low grades in the university entrance examinations.

Atashi said that the applicants had all finished their matriculation examinations with an average of nine and were all highly recom-

mended by the army to continue with their studies before being drafted.

Because of their grades in the entrance examinations, they will not be able to study law, medicine, pharmacy, dentistry or electronics.

As a result, New Communist Party activists have already offered to arrange studies in the Soviet Union to those rejected. Atashi felt that this would be harmful to the Druse students' relations with Israel.

### Charges made in TA stabbing death

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Charges in the stabbing death of 15-year-old Gil Elazarov were presented in the district court here on Friday against 20-year-old Eli Malka and a minor, both of them members of a youth gang from Tel Aviv's Kerem Hateimanin neighbourhood.

The charge sheet states that on the night of August 30, a fist-fight broke out between a group of youths from the Kerem and a gang from Bat Yam, outside a Tel Aviv discotheque.

During the fight a number of youths jumped on Elazarov and he was allegedly stabbed by Malka and the teenager.

The prosecution has requested that the two be held in custody until the end of their trial.

### Five die on roads

Five persons were killed and 80 were seriously injured in 68 major accidents last week.

There were 24 children among the 44 pedestrians seriously injured. One of those killed was also a minor.

### Prof. Israel Liebllich, 49

Yisrael Liebllich, professor of psychology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was buried Friday afternoon. He died earlier that morning in Jerusalem at the age of 49.

Liebllich was a physiological psychologist whose research on the brain and behaviour had earned him wide recognition in his field.

He is survived by his wife, Prof. Amiah Liebllich, who is also a member of the university's Psychology Department, and three children.

## Jerusalem upbeat on ties with E. Europe

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

There was a sense of guarded optimism in Jerusalem over the weekend regarding Israeli-Eastern European ties following last week's meetings between Foreign Minister Shamir and three Eastern European foreign ministers in New York.

Basing themselves on reports from New York, officials in Jerusalem regarded as particularly noteworthy Shamir's meeting Wednesday with Bulgarian Foreign Minister Petar Meladonov.

Meladonov, at a similar meeting last year, had rejected out of hand the idea of the re-establishment of any form of ties between the two countries until Israel withdrew from the territories and the Palestinian problem is solved.

But last week, Meladonov, responding to Shamir's proposal that Bulgaria follow Poland and establish relations at the interest-section level proposed that the matter be further explored in contacts between the two countries' UN ambassadors.

The officials in Jerusalem also referred to Shulamit Shamir's visit last month to Sofia. The visit by the foreign minister's wife was arranged through contacts at the UN and she was treated as a Bulgarian foreign ministry guest.

Officials in Jerusalem were satisfied with, if not enthusiastic about, Shamir's meeting on Thursday with Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Varkonyi. Though the Hungarian responded that "there is time for that," when Shamir raised the idea of interest-section relations, the Israelis were impressed by his affability and his willingness, unlike last summer, to be photographed with Shamir. The two ministers, moreover, discussed ways to improve economic relations.

Shamir and Polish Foreign Minister Marian Orzechowski did not meet Friday with a joint declaration about the establishment of interest-section relations. But the meeting passed satisfactorily, with the two ministers discussing various technical matters, including the implementation of understandings reached at last year's meeting about tourist, trade and cultural relations.

The Israeli interest section in Warsaw is already functioning, according to officials in Jerusalem, and its head, Mordechai Falzru, will leave for Warsaw in about two weeks. The Polish interest section in Tel Aviv is also expected to open in about a fortnight's time.

Shamir has also met various Western European and African foreign ministers during his stay in New York for the opening of the UN General Assembly session. But he is not expected to meet representatives of Czechoslovakia, East Germany and the Soviet Union. Israeli officials said yesterday that there has been no movement at all towards the establishment of any sort of relations with Czechoslovakia and East Germany in recent months.

## Second TV channel before cabinet today

Justice and Tourism Minister Avraham Shariar was due back last night following a three-week trip abroad, in time for today's cabinet session in which the final draft of legislation for a second television channel is to be presented.

In his capacity as justice minister, Shariar has reservations about provisions in the draft to compensate Israel Television for losses which may occur should sponsors of programmes and public service broadcasts switch to the commercial channel.

The daily newspapers are no less concerned than ITV about possible losses in advertising revenues.

## Taxi fares up

Higher taxi fares go into effect this morning, according to Transportation Ministry Regulations announced on Friday.

The base fare jumps 31 per cent from NIS 1.60 to NIS 2.10 and the incremental unit rates go up 7 per cent. Inter-city rates have also been increased.

According to the law, drivers are to have adjusted their meter to reflect the new rate and passengers should continue to pay only the amount that appears on the meter.

The ministry stresses that it is illegal to charge more than appears on the meter, and promises to handle any complaints of overcharging if the passenger can provide the licence number of the taxi.

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**Classification of Registered Contractors**

As stated in the Regulations Regarding Registration of Civil Engineering Contractors (Classification of Registered Contractors) 1984, the temporary classification established for contractors, under Regulation 11 lapses on November 16, 1986.

The transition period (Regulation 12) also finishes on this date.

Accordingly, contractors registered in the Register of Contractors before November 16, 1984, for whom a temporary classification was established, and contractors who have not yet submitted an application for classification, in accordance with the scope of works they have undertaken in the past, will not be able to operate under the transition-period conditions, after the end of that period (as stated above).

**Arye Bar-On**  
Registrar of Contractors

**Haga (Civil Defence) Exercise - Tonight and Tuesday**

**Tonight - Lod and Ben-Gurion Airport.**

Tonight, September 28, there will be a Haga exercise in Lod and at Ben-Gurion Airport, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Magen David Adom, Israel Police and Israel Defence Forces personnel will participate.

**Tuesday - Rambam Hospital**

On Tuesday, September 30, there will be a Haga exercise at Rambam Hospital. During the exercise, roads in the vicinity of the hospital will be closed.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved

**SAM MEYER**

(formerly of Port Elizabeth, South Africa)

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, September 28, at 4 p.m., at Savyon Cemetery.

**Norman, Beryl and Michael**



# Reagan faces Congress defeat on S.A. sanctions

WASHINGTON. — The House of Representatives is expected tomorrow to override President Reagan's veto of a congressional bill calling for sanctions against South Africa, congressional leaders said yesterday.

The Senate is likely to follow suit. In a written statement on the veto, Friday night, Reagan said, "Punitive economic sanctions would contribute directly and measurably to the misery of people who have already suffered enough."

The president said he had no quarrel with the purpose of the congressional bill but stressed that its tough provisions would harm the black majority in South Africa rather than force the white-led Pretoria government to abandon its policy of racial segregation.

"Apartheid is an affront to human rights and human dignity. Normal and friendly relations cannot exist between the U.S. and South Africa until it becomes a dead policy," he said.

In rejecting the measure, Reagan set the stage for his first major foreign policy defeat.

Congress can override the veto with a two-thirds majority in the Senate and the House. Leading lawmakers have said Reagan faces an uphill battle in both chambers.

Senior administration officials

have said Reagan favors targeted sanctions aimed at the white minority government including such moves as tightening visa controls, severing air links and limiting consular activities. But in applying the veto, the president announced no new initiatives.

The veto announcement came just four hours before a midnight deadline and almost five hours after Reagan left for Camp David, the presidential retreat in the nearby Maryland mountains.

Reagan said the legislation would tie his hands in dealing with "a gathering crisis in a critical subcontinent where the Soviet bloc... clearly sees historic opportunity."

Some of the bill's features that he said he could support included affirmative measures to eliminate apartheid and provide assistance to its victims, and aid for black participation in business enterprises as owners, managers and professionals.

The French government, meanwhile, yesterday officially banned imports of a range of steel and iron products from South Africa, in line with economic sanctions against Pretoria adopted by the European Economic Community earlier this month.

The list of banned imports, pub-

lished in the government's *Journal Officiel*, covers more than 100 items divided into 13 product categories including cast steel, steel and iron bars, steel and iron sheets, and steel alloys.

The ban does not apply to imports ordered and approved or shipped directly to France or the EC before September, the French Foreign Trade Ministry noted in the bulletin.

In Johannesburg, authorities yesterday said two people were injured and four others arrested in renewed political violence over the past 24 hours, including a clash between security forces and a crowd in the township of Soweto and several petrol-bomb attacks.

On Friday, a bomb blast injured three people in a central Johannesburg hotel, and three black men narrowly escaped death when their vehicle detonated a landmine in northern Natal province, government officials said.

Police sealed off streets in the busy business area after a lunchtime explosion in a hotel toilet shook the district.

Three men, two white and one black, were treated in hospital for minor wounds and later discharged, a spokesman for the government's Bureau of Information said. (Reuters, AFP)

## Nakasone 'sorry' about race remark

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone yesterday expressed heartfelt apology to Americans for his comment on race and education standards in the U.S., the Foreign Ministry said.

In a message conveyed to U.S. administration and congress officials, Nakasone said: "I realize that my recent remarks have offended many Americans. I would like to express my heartfelt apology."

Nakasone decided to send the message after a meeting with Fore-

ign Minister Tadashi Kuranari, who returned Friday night from the U.S. Kuranari told reporters afterwards: "I frankly told him the situation [in the U.S.] is severe."

Many Americans were angered when Nakasone told a meeting of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) last Monday: "The average level of knowledge in the United States is far less than in Japan because of the blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans living in the United States."

In the message, Nakasone also said: "Let me make one thing very clear. I have always firmly believed that America's greatness derives from the dynamism and achievements of her many ethnic communities."

On Friday, Nakasone told a senior LDP official: "I was careless. Great care has to be taken. There is a mistake on my part." He had previously told parliament his controversial remarks had not been meant as a racial slur or as criticism of the U.S.

## Pressure on UK to ban Libyan Airline

By DAVID HOROVITZ  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
LONDON. — Britain yesterday was considering banning Libyan Arab Airlines (LAA) from operating here after the airline was implicated in a terror plot that may have been aimed at the El Al check-in desk at Heathrow Airport.

A jury at the Old Bailey on Friday found Rami Awad guilty of planning a Libyan-backed series of terror attacks last year in which he intended to use grenades brought into London on board an LAA plane, and through Heathrow Airport by a man in LAA uniform.

Another suspect was acquitted. The government is gravely concerned that this case clearly implicates Libyan Arab Airlines in terrorist-related activity, the Foreign Office said at the weekend.

Security was increased around LAA flights in September 1985 when the intended grenade shipment was intercepted and Awad arrested, but under aviation law the government was powerless to act until the verdict.

Awad, who denied conspiring to use the grenades and being a member of Abu Nidal's terrorist organization, was jailed for 25 years on Friday. Justice Simon Brown told him: "The mind shudders to contemplate the devastation, the carnage and the heartbreak that you were intent on causing."

Brown also recommended that Awad, a 43-year-old Jordanian doctor, be deported at the end of his jail term.

Awad's co-defendant, Nassar Mohamed, a 28-year-old Iraqi student, was found not guilty of taking part in the conspiracy. Nevertheless, he is likely to be deported.

The jury in the 10-day trial had heard that both men were arrested on September 22, 1985, by anti-

terrorist squad officers who had seen Awad collect four hand-grenades from a Libyan contact at Warren Street tube station.

Unknown to Awad, the contact was an opponent of Col. Gaddafi's regime and had tipped off British police before he collected the grenades at Heathrow. Dummy grenades had been substituted for the real ones.

An attack on Heathrow might well have been planned to coincide with similar attacks at Rome and Vienna airports last December in which 17 people were killed and 111 injured. The majority of the victims in both these attacks were passengers checking-in with El Al. The terrorists used hand-grenades of the same type as those brought in for Awad via LAA at Heathrow, as well as machine-guns.

British security sources have concluded, therefore, that Awad's most likely target was the El Al check-in desk at Heathrow. It may have been no coincidence, they believe, that the Spanish passport on which Awad arrived in Britain had recent immigration stamps from Rome and Vienna. Another possible target may have been the predominantly Jewish Golders Green suburb.

British security services believe that Awad's links with Abu Nidal date back to the early 1970s and that after Abu Nidal's split with PLO leader Yasser Arafat, Awad was sent by Nidal to Europe to organize a terror base there.

A search of Awad's Madrid flat shortly after his arrest turned up a document from Abu Nidal's organization, headed in Arabic with the words "Organizational Assignments." The document then listed "Nato Pact Headquarters, European Common Market, Zionist presence, Arab reactionaries (Jordan, PLO, Gulf)."

## EC compiling int'l blacklist to fight terror

By DAVID HOROVITZ  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
LONDON. — Work began in earnest over the weekend on the biggest-ever European intelligence operation to counter terrorism, set in motion after the EEC ministers' summit here last Thursday.

Police and security services in the 12 EEC nations began the task of compiling an international terror blacklist, detailing the names, whereabouts and intentions of an estimated 200 "really dangerous" terror operators.

Information gathered in each country is being made available to the others by means of a coded facsimile service, ensuring that data can be transmitted securely and quickly.

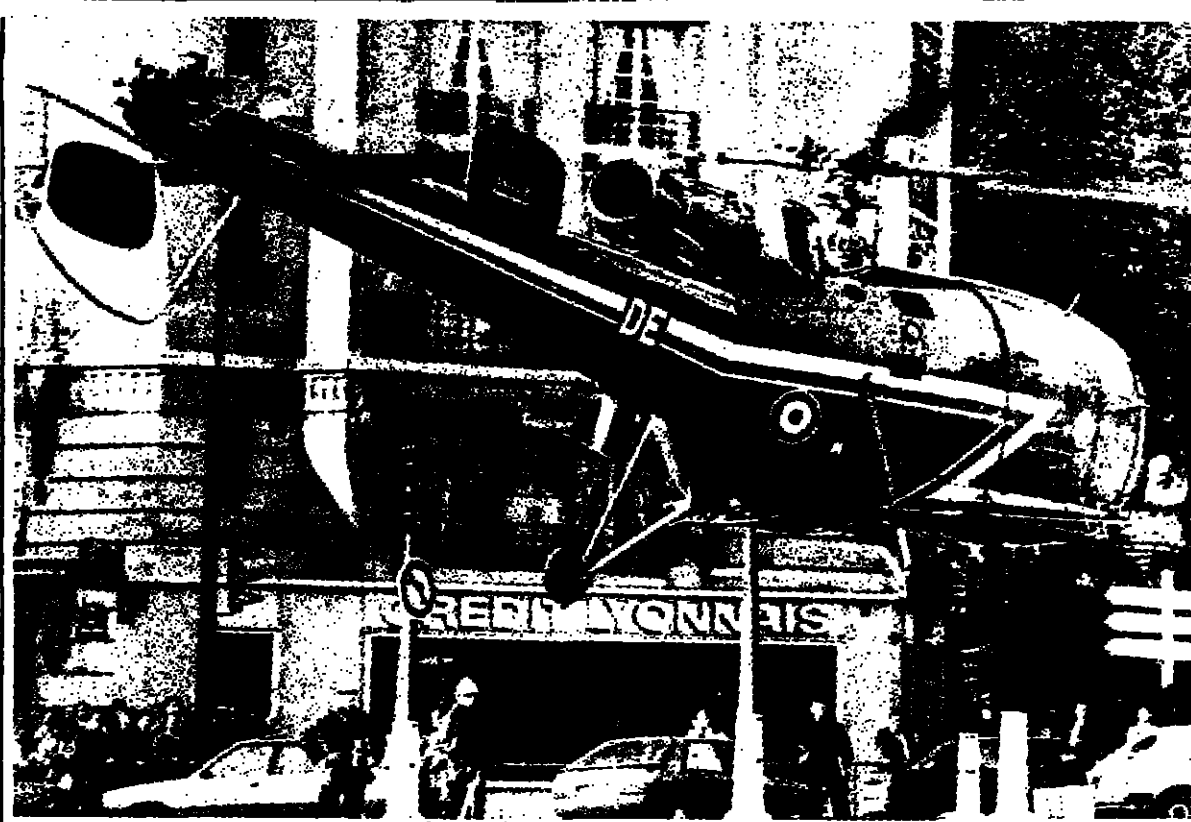
It is believed that over 40 terror groups are based, or active, in EEC capitals, and the leaders of all these groups will be "targeted" — assessed on a day-to-day basis — under the agreements reached at the London summit last week.

European officials responsible for police and security services are expected to meet some time this week to discuss full implementation of the measures decided upon by the London conference.

## Chinese farmer unearths ancient-coin treasury

PEKING (AP). — A peasant in Hebei province found more than 520 kinds of ancient coin while digging the foundation for his new house this year, the Xinhua News Agency reported yesterday.

The coins have been identified as belonging to 18 dynasties and regimes of minority groups from the Western Han dynasty, which began in 206 BCE to the Jin regime, which ended in 1234, the agency said.



A French national security helicopter transports three people, including the bank robber, who were wounded during a hold-up at a Credit Lyonnais branch in Paris yesterday. The robber, Michel Vanjour, had escaped from a Paris prison in May in a helicopter flown by his wife. He had been serving an 18-year sentence for armed robbery and the attempted murder of a policeman. Vanjour and his two accomplices were arrested yesterday, police said. (Reuters)

## Togo charges Ghana behind last week's coup attempt

LOME. — The armed commando squad that launched an attempted coup in Togo last week was recruited and trained in Ghana, President Gnassingbe Eyadema charged here yesterday.

Eyadema, citing what he said was a confession from one of the captured attackers, said the group had been recruited in Ghana by a Togolese national identified as Ayai. Some members of the group had been living in a house belonging to former Ghanaian president Kofi Busia, the president said.

Authorities here have said 13 people died in the abortive attempt to topple Gen. Eyadema last Tuesday. Seven men of the commando group, which numbered about 50 men, were killed and 29 were captured. Togo lost six soldiers killed.

Eyadema's statement was the first time he has directly accused Ghana of being behind the coup attempt, though government officials had earlier already charged that the attackers had crossed the border from Ghana.

The captured insurgent, identified by the president only as Karl, also admitted staging a series of bomb attacks in Lome in September and December, 1985. Two people died in a blast last December near a railway line.

In Accra, Ghana's state radio reported that authorities yesterday arrested a number of Togolese exiles here in connection with the attempted coup.

The radio, which did not say how many Togolese had been detained, said that Ghana's Acting Foreign Secretary Kwame Ahoi had asked Togo's Charge d'Affaires for any information that could help in investigations.

Earlier, Ahoi said Ghanaian diplomats had been subjected to systematic harassment in Togo, including attempted kidnappings and the detention of embassy personnel.

Ghanaian television charged that Togolese warships and aircraft had been violating Ghanaian waters and airspace "at regular intervals."

Ahoi, in a nation-wide radio broadcast, did not refer directly to Togolese charges that the commando squad had entered Togo through Ghana. But he denounced "unwarranted accusations and insinuations" from Lome and said he hoped Togolese authorities would take "immediate action" to ensure the security of Ghanaians in their country and their property.

The government yesterday announced that the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew imposed the day following the abortive coup would be eased, and will go into effect at 8 a.m.

The Interior Minister said the city was calm yesterday following the arrival earlier of 150 French paratroopers in the wake of the attempted coup. They were sent at Togo's request.

Zaire followed suit by sending 350 soldiers.

Lome Radio carried a message from Interior Minister Kpotevi Lacle, who said "the situation has become totally calm." (AFP, AP)

## EC betters U.S. bid for Soviet grain sale

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — The European Community (EC) on Friday won the first encounter in its battle with the U.S. for the lucrative Soviet cereals market. But it could now find its controversial export subsidy system under renewed attack.

Reports that French traders have sold one million tons of heavily-subsidized high-quality wheat to Moscow, with more sales likely, are certain to attract international and domestic criticism, senior EC sources say.

The sale receives a subsidy of 127.50 European Community Units (same in dollars) per ton, which allows the Soviet Union to buy the wheat at \$75-80 a ton, compared with a current world market price of \$100-105 a ton.

The price is also significantly below recent subsidized offers from Washington of around \$90 a ton.

The U.S. offers drew protests at home and abroad, but trade sources say the first effect of Friday's sale would be pressure for the U.S. to match the EC price.

One U.S. trader who backs the increase added, however, that Washington was unlikely to take such a step while the case of American reporter Nicholas Daniloff, detained on spy charges in Moscow, remained unresolved.

Australia and Argentina, who fear they are losing out in the increasingly tough EC-U.S. trade competition, are sure to react angrily to the move.

which comes less than a week after EC export subsidies were criticized at international trade negotiations.

At talks in Punta del Este, Uruguay aimed at starting a new round of negotiations on liberalizing world trade under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the EC resolutely refused to accept inclusion of agricultural export subsidies.

More subsidized EC sales to Moscow could be imminent as French traders were awarded export licenses for a further 3.125 million tons of wheat at the same level of subsidy, on condition firm contracts are clinched within 15 days.

If all the existing contracts are met, the Community could end up paying half a billion dollars in subsidies for the sales.

Some European politicians are likely to react angrily, but the EC's Brussels Commission, faced with a 16 million ton grain surplus, will argue that such sales are still cheaper than storing unwanted grain.

The Soviet Union is the largest single wheat importer. Only yesterday, the international wheat council in London predicted another disappointing Soviet grain harvest for 1986, down about 15 million tons on last year's 190 million.

Trade reports had the Soviet Union buying 2.5 million tons of wheat from Canada last month, but the figure has not been confirmed.

## 13 dead, 500,000 homeless as rains flood Calcutta

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Floods caused by three days of torrential monsoon rains have killed 13 people and made more than 500,000 homeless in Calcutta and surrounding districts, the Press Trust of India reported yesterday.

The news agency quoted West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu as saying, that 300,000 people were rescued from low-lying areas flooded when rivers burst their banks.

The state government put relief and rescue efforts on a war-footing as the weather office in Calcutta predicted more rain.

About 20 relief camps have been set up. (Reuters, AFP)

## Russian bird with a crush on Shakespeare

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A parakeet belonging to a family in a village in Byelo-Russia recites poetry in English and gives descriptions of London. Tass news agency reported yesterday.

The bird, called Kesha, began reciting verses by Shakespeare and the Russian poet Pushkin in English translation after hearing them on Soviet television English-language classes, the agency said.

## UK reporter foils kidnap bid in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). — British journalist David Hirst, of *The Guardian*, said Friday he "kicked his way free" from three kidnappers who were driving him to a Shiite Moslem suburb of West Beirut.

Yesterday, a Beirut newspaper quoted the chief of Syria's army intelligence as vowing to rescue all foreign hostages held in Lebanon. He also said that several foreign secret services were behind the recent surge of abductions in Moslem West Beirut.

Hirst told reporters he was picked up by the gunmen on the Moslem edge of the suburban Mreijeh crossing on Beirut's dividing Green Line at 6:45 in the morning as he headed to the city's Christian sector. He said he resisted the gunmen, who shoved him into a car and sped off until they were caught up in a traffic jam at a southern suburb, where he screamed, kicked open the door and fled.

Hirst, in his late 50s, spoke about his adventure at the office of a Western news agency in West Beirut an hour after his attempted abduction. He is the longest-serving Western reporter living in Beirut.

Hirst said the kidnappers grabbed him while the Lebanese driver of his taxi cab was changing a flat tire.

Brigadier General Ghazi Kenaan, Syrian intelligence chief, was quoted by the pro-Assad Beirut newspaper *As-Safir* as saying "I wish to declare that we shall spare no effort to find all kidnapped hostages and undertake the necessary operations to free them irrespective of the consequences."

*As-Safir* said Kenaan returned to Beirut to take personal charge of a security plan launched last June 28 to re-establish Lebanese government authority in West Beirut.

In Damascus, the *Tishrin* daily, mouthpiece for the Syrian government, yesterday accused Israel and the U.S. of backing the terrorist bombings in Paris that have killed nine people. The front-page editorial charged that the two countries were seeking to mobilize Europeans against Syria.

## PLO withdraws anti-Egyptian statement

A telephone call from Cairo to Tunis prevented the head of the PLO's political department from issuing a statement which denounced Egypt on the Peres-Mubarak summit, according to the Egyptian weekly *Akhir Saa*.

Last Wednesday's issue reported that Farouk Kaddoumi had presented the statement at a meeting of the PLO leadership in Tunis, and that only a telephone call from Said Kamal, a member of the Palestinian National Council who explained the background of the Alexandria summit persuaded Kaddoumi not to release the statement.

In an interview with *Akhir Saa*, Kamal said he thought the summit's joint communiqué was "balanced and useful, because it opens the way for more than one option on the political and executive levels towards an international conference."

## Karameh visits south Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP). — Prime Minister Rashid Karameh drove to south Lebanon yesterday in a show of solidarity with the hard-pressed UN peacekeeping force there.

Government sources said the Sunni Moslem premier will hold talks with officers of the UN interim force in Lebanon during a visit to the southern port city of Tyre to inaugurate an industrial and agricultural fair.

Karameh's visit was the first by a Lebanese head of government to south Lebanon since the 5,800-strong UN force was deployed in March 1978.

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## Pakistan silent on hijack probe

ISLAMABAD (AP). — A curtain of silence has descended on the investigation into the hijacking of a Pan Am jet in Karachi. Many officials say they have little idea about who may have been behind the attack.

On September 5, four Palestinian hijackers opened fire on the passengers aboard the Boeing 747 in the southern port city, killing 20 people and injuring scores. The hijackers are in custody, but key questions about the bloody episode remain unanswered.

Officially, the government will say little more than that the matter is under investigation.

The main questions still unresolved centre on who was behind the sophisticated operation, how the hijackers breached the security system at Karachi airport, and how Pakistani officials handled the incident.

A fourth question, that grows day by day, is why the government is telling so little.

Meanwhile, four gunmen penetrated security at Islamabad airport around midnight on September 21 and reached the main runway before being discovered by a guard. The guard was shot and wounded and the gunmen escaped, officials said.

The incident at Islamabad, Pakistan's second largest airport after Karachi, took place a few hours before a British Airways Boeing 747 was scheduled to land.

President General Mohammed Zia ul-Haq told a September 7 news conference that the facts on the Karachi hijacking would be explained quickly. "I think the facts will be found out in the next few days and we'll find out where the fault was," Zia said. But no official explanation has been forthcoming.

Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition they not be identified, told the Associated Press that little progress has been made in the hijacking investigation. The hijackers have said very little and no ties to political groups of foreign governments have been established, they said.

One intelligence official said the country's security agencies have little experience in handling such an investigation.

Newspapers and political observers have complained about the lack of information, and warned that handling of the case could point to serious problems.

The *Moslem* newspaper, in a September 24 editorial, reflected a growing viewpoint when it commented: "It is time to review the whole system of police and intelli-

gence services to ensure that Pakistan is not engulfed in chaos and lawlessness."

Pakistan has been hit by a wave of terrorist incidents in the past two years and the authorities appeared to have made little headway in probes into any of them.

Some officials say the hijackers had help in getting the uniforms, weapons and information necessary to disguise themselves as airport guards and penetrate security at Karachi airport. Such help was probably provided by Pakistani sympathizers, the officials said, speculating that the government may be reluctant to admit that.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said last Wednesday that the hijackers had not been operating alone, but said he could not elaborate.

"We have some additional facts which indicate to us that these four persons were not the only ones involved in this operation," he said.

A fifth man, identified as Salman Taraki, was arrested in Islamabad September 10. Some police officials said he was carrying a Libyan passport and claimed to be a Libyan government employee. The spokesman said the government was trying to determine whether Taraki's passport was a forgery.

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# New Year's revelations

Judith Weill reflects on the changing significance of prayers during the High Holyday season.

A COUPLE of us were chatting in a quiet corner of the shops a day or two before Rosh Hashana, when we realized we were supposed to be getting home to complete our Yom Tov cooking. We were talking about how it felt to go through Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur year after year without being able to concentrate properly on the services. All mothers, we had experienced going to the synagogue and finding ourselves able to lend only half an ear to the goings-on, while the other ear-and-a-half strained to catch the first sign of boredom in the youngster next to us.

We all also knew what it was like to stay at home with babies on the High Holydays. Most of us found synagogue-going so difficult that we elected to do most of our praying at home and go to synagogue just for the sound of the shofar.

One mother, a little older than the rest of us, said: "You think it's hard now for you, when you struggle to make the most of your difficult praying conditions. You at least have a good reason for not praying properly. Just wait until your children grow older."

"When you finally get back to synagogue and can pray in peace and quiet, you expect to be able to concentrate again the way you did before your first baby was born. And then when you have no excuse for not concentrating, but still can't—that's when you begin to feel badly. You have to learn to pray all over again."

It is not easy to pray. One can let the music of the *hazan* drift by and join in the singing to feel part of the congregation.

But what is really difficult is concentrating on our own private prayers and making them meaningful. This takes years of self-discipline, starting somewhere around one's bar or bat mitzva.

ALL OF US women had had our first babies about 10 years after our bat mitzvot. My friend had been referring to the time when we would return to the situation where we would, again, be relatively free from the babies—a decade or two (or three!) after the birth of our first.

We were assuming that we would go back to having the degree of concentration we had at age 22, but according to her, we would regress to a 12-year-old's level.

The time came when I was finally able to go back to synagogue for part of the service. Somehow our bigger children helped with the smaller ones and I was able to spend some of Rosh Hashana with myself. I was in my mid-30s and looked forward to once again experiencing a proper service.

I found it difficult to concentrate. My mind kept slipping towards thoughts of home. Was my toddler managing outside with his seven-year-old sister? Was everything ready for lunch? I remembered what my friend had said. I was listening to the *hazan* without really hearing him. I heard the shofar without allowing it to penetrate my mind.

I remembered the biblical verse, "Can a shofar be blown in the city and the people not tremble?" I felt guilty. I wasn't trembling. I remembered the lessons we had learnt in primary school about the shofar, its

loud tone, supposedly capable of "shocking" us into repentance, but its tone did not seem loud enough to give a person a shock. It sounded more like a wail to me.

I watched the old ladies in the front row. Why were they so moved by the wail when I felt so empty?

I began to think about the shofar. I had never really understood the concept of *Shofrot*, in spite of the fact that the third part of the main Rosh Hashana service deals with it at length. I had always found the other two parts—*Malchiot* (Accepting God as King) and *Zichronot* (Remembrance)—easier to understand.

Accepting God as King is really something that we basically do once in our lives, I thought to myself. We are born to parents who accept Him, or to parents who do not. As children, we follow our parents' behaviour. Then we reach a stage when we realize that we have to make our own decisions and we accept—or reject—God as our King. This usually happens some time during the teens or early 20s. As far as *Malchiot* is concerned, then, each Rosh Hashana is merely a reaffirmation of a decision that has already been taken.

THEN COME the middle-age years. Standing in synagogue on Rosh Hashana, we are conscious of the more prosaic things in life, and the idealism of youth has passed. We may be observant; the very act of coming to synagogue may be a reaffirmation of "God is King."

But we do not occupy our minds so much with the theology and philosophy which were so important 10, 20 or 30 years earlier. Making a living and bringing up our children preoccupy us the most now. We stand in synagogue remembering our small dishonesties, thinking of the times we were impatient with the children,



Children: 'A good reason for not praying properly.' (Zeev Ackerman)

perhaps recalling the occasions when we could not be bothered with a person who was thirsty for human contact...

We try to remember where we went wrong. We determine that next time we will do better. Perhaps things can still be put right: an apology here, a little extra attention there.

*Zichronot*, Remembrance, seems to be the section of the prayers which holds the most significance for us.

And the old ladies in the front row—and their counterparts downstairs in the men's section. What are they

thinking? For them it is late. Their children are now, for better or worse, grown up.

For them, I suppose, looking back over their lives, they are conscious of the fact that there comes a time when it is too late. For them the wail of the shofar has great meaning.

No wonder my friend felt that once her children were grown up she could not pray as she had before. During the years in between, she had slipped out of the "Accepting God as King" stage of life and into a "Remembrance" stage.

## Making some real progress

Lea Levavi talks to Bruria Barish, the first woman to chair the board of the Movement for Progressive Judaism in Israel.

BRURIA BARISH—who was recently elected the first woman chairperson of the executive board of the Movement for Progressive Judaism in Israel—knows there were some objections to her candidacy.

"Perhaps some people don't like my tendency to say what I think when others would keep silent, or maybe they were afraid I would devote all my time to my own projects...No, I don't think I would have had any problem if I were a man, though nobody in our movement would say out loud that they object to a woman on grounds of sex. After all, we have women rabbis and women are called up for the Torah reading."

Anyone who had known her in early childhood would never have anticipated that she would become a member, let alone a leader, of a movement for progressive Judaism. She was born into an ultra-Orthodox home in Transylvania. After her illegal aliyah in 1946, however, she began to move further and further away from religion.

As a working teenager, and later as one of the first women in the Hagana, she adopted a completely secular life-style. "When my parents came in 1948, my brother and I tried to hide our secular way of life from them. Of course, over the years it has come out and my mother—my father died many years ago—accepts it."

"My mother remarried and her husband, a Samaritani, once told me he would have preferred if I had remained secular instead of joining the progressive movement. Most of the time, we don't discuss the subject but occasionally he will ask a question such as whether we have already arranged a cantor for the holidays."

It was during her early married life that she felt the need for a new kind of religious involvement. "My husband and I went to synagogue for the High Holy Days at ZOA House one year and it was terrible. The prayers were mumbled in a rapid monotone and didn't have any meaning for us. We were, of course, forced to sit apart. This wasn't what we wanted."

A chance meeting with Rabbi Moshe Zemer brought her to the Movement for Progressive Judaism, and that was so much what she wanted that she has been active in this movement now for more than 20 years.

The high points of this activity have been two particular projects—Jewish-Arab programmes and camps for underprivileged children from poor neighbourhoods.

The Jewish-Arab programme, which has been in operation since 1983 and has involved over 600 youngsters, won her the Jewish Agency's Peace Prize last year. She was also one of the final 20 candidates for the President's Voluntary Award.

Prizes, however, are obviously not her motivation. "Love and concern for our fellow human being is part of what we believe in as a movement. There are 36 references in the Torah to how the stranger living among us should be treated."

The youngsters, who meet for a summer camp and also during Hanukkah and Passover vacations,

enjoy sports, parlour games and other activities designed to bring them closer together.

Political discussions are not initiated by the camp's staff but inevitably occur; no effort is made to prevent them.

"We think," says Barish, "the danger of intermarriage, though it exists, is very small compared to the benefits of bringing people together. The Arabs, by the way, don't want intermarriage either."

Camp activities include *onegal Shabbat*, with candle-lighting, *kidush*, commentary on the weekly Torah portion and a sermon—but also with readings from the Koran and a talk on Islamic issues by one of the Arab counsellors.

Her other project, work with underprivileged children, resulted from her long-term involvement with Wizo's aid to families of war casualties. "Wizo runs a camp for the children of war invalids and siblings of war casualties. I started to think that there were many children in poor neighbourhoods whose fathers died as civilians or whose parents are drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes, etc. I felt that we as a religious movement should do something for these children."

Over a thousand children have so far attended these camps, held every summer since 1979 with the help of sister movements in the U.S. and U.K. "It's difficult to work with these kids. They use foul language and beat each other up because that's what they've learned at home. They try to break things, and thefts, which are a problem in any camp, are much more of a problem in this case. If you have good counsellors, though, and keep them busy, they start showing signs of improvement."

Emphasis is placed on handicrafts. "It shows them that they have a future, that there is something positive they can do. Whether the youngster eventually becomes a carpenter, a house painter or an artist, it could be a way out of their current circumstances."

She expects to work hard during her term of office—two years with the possibility of extension for an additional year. "There is a great deal to be done in the area of social justice. Take the elderly, for example. If we became involved as a movement, we could be much more effective than if individuals work separately."

She would also like to see many more Israelis join the progressive movement and participate in its work, but she does not want the movement to become just another voluntary organization. "The first and most important thing is that our members learn about Judaism—sit in classes on Bible or Talmud and learn. After that, we can talk about applying what we've learned to the needs of our community."

Secular Israelis need progressive Judaism, she said. "Maybe not everyone feels the need for ritual, but the synagogue creates a community, a family, which can work together to put its ideals into practice. That's something which I think is missing in many people's lives, even if they don't yet realize that it is lacking."

## Meating the High Holydays

Bessie Springson

WITH THE New Year just around the corner, preparations are in order for those special family feasts. Following are recipes for both traditionally-minded cooks, and for the more adventurous in spirit.

**Chicken Soup**  
1 chicken (about 1.8 kilo)  
10 cups water  
3 onions  
2 slices ginger root  
1 stalk celery  
1 bay leaf

Place chicken and water in saucepan, bring to the boil and add the remaining ingredients. Cover and cook over low heat until the chicken is very tender. Remove, thicken and strain the soup. Serve with either chopped up pieces of chicken in the soup or with either egg balls or krepich (see recipes below).

**Egg Balls**  
2 hard-boiled eggs, separated  
1/2 tsp. salt  
Few grains cayenne pepper  
1 tsp. melted margarine  
1 egg yolk

Chop the egg whites finely and mix the yolks. Add salt, cayenne pepper and melted margarine. Moisturize with raw egg yolks using enough to enable you to shape the mixture into marble-sized balls. Poach in boiling water or stock. Can also be rolled in flour and sautéed in margarine. For each serving of soup add 3 balls.

**Krepich**  
2 cups flour  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
1 tsp. water  
1/2 tsp. salt

Place unsifted flour on a table, make a well in the centre. Drop the eggs, water and salt into it. Work into the flour by hand and knead until smooth and elastic. Roll and stretch the dough as thin as possible. Cut into 5 cm. squares. Place a spoonful of meat filling (below) on each. Dampen edges and fold over the dough into a triangle. Press edges together with a fork dipped in flour. Cook in boiling, salted water for 20 minutes or until they rise to the top. Serve immediately in the soup.

Can be fried in hot fat after boiling and used as a side dish too. Makes about 3 1/2 to 4 dozen krepich depending on how thin you roll the dough.

**Meat Filling**  
250 gm. ground beef  
2 tbs. fat  
1/2 cup minced onion

1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper

Heat the fat and cook meat and onion in it for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add salt and pepper. Cool before placing in squares of dough.

**Golden Salad**

Pineapple, oranges and carrots add the Midas touch as well as flavour to this distinctive golden treat.  
1 envelope unflavoured gelatine  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 cup well drained, diced, canned pineapple  
1/4 cup canned pineapple juice or syrup

1/4 cup orange juice  
1/4 cup vinegar  
1/2 cup drained orange sections cut in small pieces  
1/2 cup coarsely grated raw carrot.

Mix gelatine, sugar and salt thoroughly in a small saucepan. Add pineapple syrup or juice. Place over low heat stirring constantly until gelatine is dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in the vinegar and orange juice. Chill to unbeaten egg white consistency. (If mixture is too thin, the fruit will sink.)

Fold in canned pineapple, orange pieces and carrots. Turn into a 3 cup mould or individual moulds and chill until firm. Unmould by dipping mould in warm water to the depth of the gelatine. Loosen around edge with the tip of a paring knife. Place serving dish on top of mould and turn upside down. Garnish with salad greens and serve with salad dressing.

Variation: Substitute 1/4 cup chopped nuts for the carrots.

**Chicken With Brandy**

2 chicken breasts  
180 gm. margarine  
4 tbs. brandy  
2 medium onions, chopped  
8 tbs. flour  
1/2 cup Telma parve whip  
3 cups chicken stock or water and chicken cubes  
salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
2 tbs. lemon juice  
2 tbs. sherry  
1 small truffle sliced thin—optional

Remove skin from chicken breasts and cut into 3 cm. pieces. Sauté these in 60 gm. margarine over a low flame for about 20 minutes.

In a separate pan fry onions in 60 gm. margarine until soft. Add onions to sautéed chicken, add brandy and cook over low flame for 10 minutes longer.

While chicken is cooking make a white sauce of remaining 60 gm.

margarine, flour, whip and stock. Season with salt and pepper and cook over low heat until mixture is thick, stirring constantly. Remove from stove, add remaining ingredients except truffle and blend well. Pour this sauce over chicken and garnish with truffle. Serve with cooked rice.

Eight servings

**Sweet and Sour Tongue**

The following is good for festive occasions.  
1 large or 2 small veal tongues, (about 2 kg.)  
2 tsp. salt  
2 onions, cut into quarters  
1 bay leaf  
1 carrot, quartered  
1 celery stalk, quartered

Wash the tongue, place in a large pot, cover with cold water and add remaining ingredients. Cook covered over low fire until tongue skin curls back, about 1 1/2 hours. Drain and reserve liquid to use as stock. Cool tongue. Remove skin and root. Slice and serve hot with sauce.

**Wine Sauce for Tongue**  
1/2 cup wine vinegar  
1 tbs. sugar  
1 cup dry white wine  
2 tbs. seedless raisins  
2 tbs. shelled pine nuts

Combine sugar and vinegar and cook over low heat until sugar is dissolved. Do not allow to boil. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to the boil and cook, stirring constantly. Pour sauce over sliced tongue.

Eight servings

**Stuffed Veal Breast**

1 veal breast (about 1 1/2 kilo)  
2 slices bread  
350 gm. ground beef  
1 egg  
1/2 pkt. Telma parve dip, smoked flavour

1 tbs. chopped parsley  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 pkt. Telma Kefi  
4 slices smoked breast  
1 can tomatoes  
1 tbs. oregano  
3 tbs. fat or margarine

With a sharp knife cut through the breast to make a pocket or ask your butcher to do it for you. Soak bread in cold water for several minutes, squeeze to let water out and combine with beef, egg, parsley, salt and pepper and Telma parve dip. Mix well by hand. Stuff cavity and sew to close.

Melt the fat in the roasting pan, and place the veal in it. Sprinkle over crushed Kefi and cover with slices of smoked breast. Roast in covered pan in medium oven at 350°F (180° Mark

4) until tender, about 2 hours. Baste frequently and add a little water if pan becomes dry.

Remove from oven and let cool at room temperature for 10 minutes. Slice into serving pieces and place back into roasting pan. Spread top of slices with drained tomatoes. Sprinkle with oregano and roast uncovered for 20 minutes.

Eight servings

**Glorified Pot Roast of Beef**

2 kilo piece of beef: chuck, shoulder, or rump, trimmed  
1 tbs. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1 tbs. mixed pickling spices  
3 onions sliced  
3 carrots, sliced  
3 sprigs parsley  
2 bay leaves  
1 1/2 cups red wine

Place the meat in a deep pottery or glass bowl (not aluminium), add the above ingredients, cover and let stand 12 to 24 hours. Remove the meat and pat dry with a paper towel. Strain the liquid. Roll the meat and tie firmly.

Mix 2 tbs. flour, 2 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 1/2 tsp. sugar. Pat into the surface of the meat roll. Heat a deep heavy pan over high heat, greasing it lightly if the meat is lean. Put in the meat and brown it thoroughly, on all sides. When the meat is a rich dark brown, add half a cup of strained liquid, cover, lower the heat and cook very slowly until the meat is tender enough to let a fork sink in—about 3 hours. Add a little liquid from time to time as it cooks, but never allow the liquid to be more than 3 cm. deep.

When the meat is tender remove it from the pan. Pour the liquid into a bowl, and chill for about 10 minutes then skim off the fat. Put the meat and liquid back into the pan and simmer for another 20 minutes basting the gravy over the meat and taste to regulate seasoning. Serve with tiny whole carrots that have been cooked separately but added to the dish long enough to heat through.

10-12 servings

**Spiced Duck Special**

1 duck (about 2 1/4 kg.)  
2 tbs. ground coriander  
1 tsp. cumin  
1/4 tsp. saffron  
1/2 tsp. anise  
2 tsp. powdered ginger  
3 medium onions finely chopped  
4 onions thinly sliced  
2 cloves garlic  
1/2 cup cashew nuts, ground

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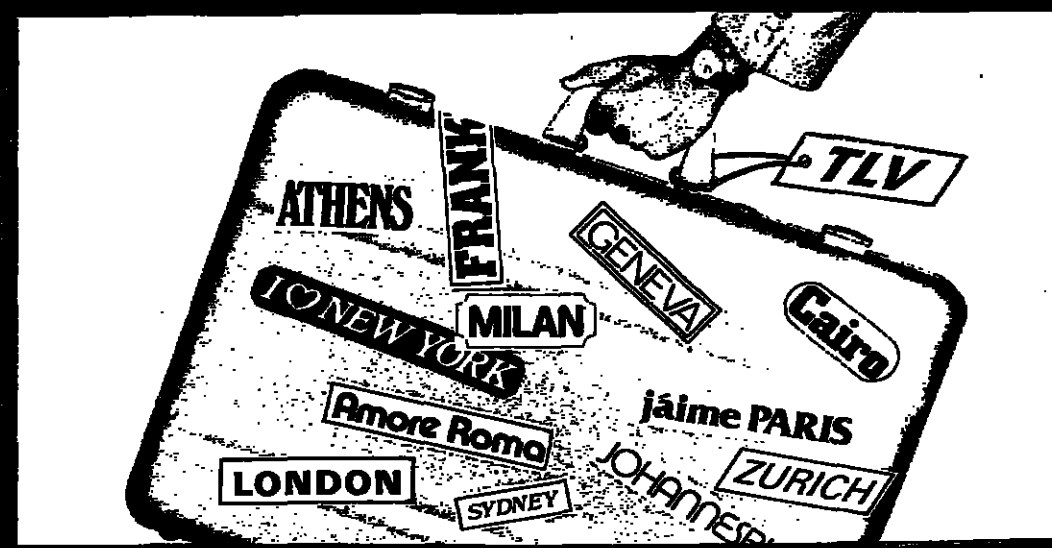
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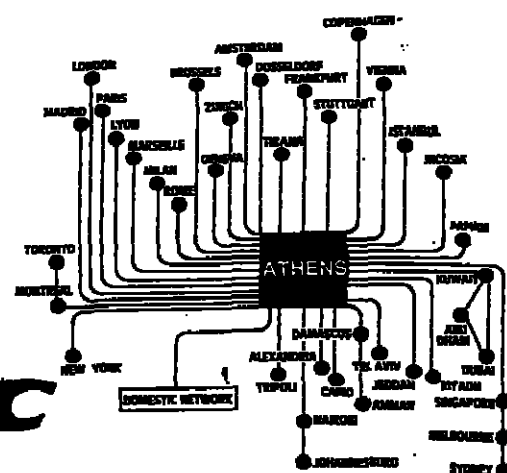
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## EXECUTIVE CHANGES / Michal Yudelman

## Four win promotions at Elite

AVIHU SHANI has been appointed Elite Ltd.'s publicity and market research manager. Shani, 32, is a graduate of Hebrew University in economics and international relations.

Meanwhile, MOSHE NIR was appointed manager of Elite's finance and control division, making him a senior executive member of the concern. Nir, 36, Tel Aviv University graduate in economics, worked in the past five years at similar posts in the Beer Plants, Tadiran Ltd. and Bank Hapoalim.

HAIM LIEBER, who previously managed Elite's retail chain, has been appointed manager of Elite's Import and properties company. The retail network of 30 outlets will now be headed by 43 year old MEIR REINSCHMIDT.

Hervat Ovidim, the Histadrut holding company has approved the new list of candidates for Koor Ltd's board of directors. ARNON GAFNY heads the lists as Koor's chairman.

The remaining board members will be YESHA'AYAHU GAVISH, Koor general manager; AVI



Koor's Arnon Gafny and Avi Olshanski



(Isaac Harari, Israel Sun)

OLSHANSKI, deputy managing director of Bank Hapoalim; attorney RUTH OREN of the Horowitz and Co. GERSHON VILAN, of Hervat Ha'ovdim; Prof. ZVI ZUSSMAN and CHARLES TAPIERO of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; YEHOASHA KATZ, Acre Labour Council secretary; RA'ANAN NAIM of Moshav Ramot Naftali; and SHELMO SOFER, secretary of the Kiyat Ma'achi Labour Council. Six additional members will be recommended by the workers.

Hervat Ha'ovdim's Management Committee also approved the

appointment of AVINAM RON and Prof. AHARON YORAN as board members of Bank Hapoalim and appointed YOSEF SHARON as board member of Hassneh Insurance Co.

FELIX ZANDMAN, president of Vishay Intertechnology in Pennsylvania, will be joining the Bank Leumi board of directors.

Zandman, 58, holds a doctorate in physics from the Sorbonne in Paris, and is the chairman of the advisory board for Vishay Israel Ltd., a high-technology firm with factories in Holon and Dimona.

## A Canadian who helped rebuild Or Yehuda

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

THIS YEAR, for the first time since its inception, a Kaplan Prize is being awarded to non-Israelis. Lou Sklar of Toronto and Allen Samson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will receive the prize on behalf of their communities in recognition of the work they have done in Or Yehuda through Project Renewal.

Sklar, the president of a furniture company, is among those Jews who joined their ties with Israel in 1967. Then living in Oshawa, Wisconsin, which boasted no more than 90 Jewish families, Sklar and his wife Penny came on the first of what were to be many visits to Israel. As Sklar recalls it: "We saw only nice things."

Realizing that there must be another side to Israel, the Sklars on a return visit went looking for areas in the country that were in need of help. Fate threw them together with a man who was very much involved with what the Sklars recognized as reform schools, though that was not what the institutions they saw were officially called. They were shocked by the number of youngsters they met who were victims of drug abuse, prostitution and broken homes.

Concerned, but unsure what they could do to help, the Sklars were among early supporters of Project Renewal. Jewish Agency officials who took them to the Or Yehuda neighbourhood, then called Histadrut but now known as Shchema Bet, actually tried to talk them out of adopting this community which the official said was beyond help. If they had any doubts, they were quashed by a talk with Yigal Yadin, who was then the minister with parliamentary responsibility for Project Renewal. He persuaded them that Or Yehuda was a community worth saving.

The first impression that the Sklars had of Or Yehuda was that it was a community living outside the mainstream of Israeli society. Its transit camp population had been squeezed into dilapidated overcrowded housing. Children sought every opportunity to escape from the cramped, dingy conditions — and



Louis Sklar (Dan Landau)

because they did not have any positive outlets for their energies, they turned to petty crime, to prostitution and to drugs. None of the families owned their own homes: all the housing was rented from Amidar. People could not be expected to take pride in something that didn't belong to them.

The 25,000 Jews living in Ontario outside of Toronto, together with the Milwaukee Jewish community arranged financing to help the families purchase, renovate and enlarge their apartments. That was a loan, not a gift.

There was no overnight miracle. It was a slow, difficult, painful but ultimately rewarding process. People began to take an interest in their environment and in their future. They started to take pride in their homes, building on rooms, making repairs, and removing mildew from the ceilings, applying fresh coats of paint and planting gardens.

The \$10 million in Project Renewal aid contributed over the years by both the Ontario and Milwaukee communities is not charity, Sklar insists, but an investment in the future of a neighbourhood.

Many of the illiterate adults in Or Yehuda enrolled in adult education courses, learning not only to read and to write but how to explore career opportunities. There are many gifted youngsters in Or Yehuda. Last summer, 70 of them participated in a special experimental programme run by Bar Ilan University.

Or Yehuda is no longer a distressed neighbourhood because Canadian and American Jews cared enough to provide a springboard for the community to get out of the mire.

Sklar, who two-and-a-half years ago moved to Toronto, still represents the communities who twinned with Or Yehuda to prove that given the chance, Or Yehuda was not beyond hope.

## Kaplan Prize winners

## 11 find ways to boost productivity

By YITZHAK OKED

As the Kaplan Prize for excellence in productivity and efficiency marks its 33rd year, the criteria for winning the award — one of the oldest in Israel — has grown tougher. Indeed, this year the judges could not find an acceptable candidate in the construction sector, noted Joseph Doriel, director-general of the Israel Institute of Productivity and chairman of the prize committee.

Nonetheless, 11 winners — both individuals and organizations — were selected from a wide range of fields, including agriculture, engineering, social service and medicine. They are being presented today.

The only woman among the prize winners, Dr. Clara Norymberg, of the Emek Hefer Kupat Holim, who was able to substantially cut down on the number of hospital days by patients in her diabetic unit through organizational changes.

"Before her clinic was reorganized over 100 patients per year had to be hospitalized," said Doriel. "Now no more than 15 have to be every year."

Uriel Baratz won for an innovative moulding machine he designed. "Baratz, who is a mechanical engineer and machine designer, could have had an easy life checking out designs and blueprints," said Doriel. "He designed a moulding machine for tyres which doubles production without the need to increase manpower."

The device so impressed an Italian manufacturer that he voiced an interest in purchasing the technology.

Two other winners received the prize for excellence in social rather than economic endeavours.

Project Renewal in Or Yehuda revitalized the physical plant of the community — its buildings and public areas — but its residents as well. With Project Renewal loans, they were able to buy their homes, and today are learning to take an interest in their community environment. The programme not only saved the government money, but has indirectly given financial aid to the residents, who have a stake in property whose value is steadily growing.

The prize will be given to Canadian Louis Sklar and American Allen Samson as well as Tamir Shabi, on behalf of the programme.

The second prize for a social programme goes to David Dahan of the Youth Village Onim, which was home to troubled teenagers as well as younger new immigrants, most recently from Ethiopia.

"Dahan, has managed to turn these youths into productive citizens," Doriel said. "Today the IDF accepts them into all units, even the elite ones. In the past because of all their problems most of them were

not accepted by the army at all."

Neidar and his research team at the Hebrew University agriculture faculty in Rehovot developed a tomato with an extremely long shelf life that will enable Israel to expand its export markets and make its tomatoes more popular with merchants. Last winter the tomatoes fetched very high prices in the U.S.

Another team of agricultural scientists are also receiving the Kaplan Prize. Prof. Eliahu Swirsky and his team from the Ministry of Agriculture's Volcani agricultural research centre found a small insect from abroad that loves to feed on an insect here that was playing havoc to the avocado orchards.

Spraying the avocado orchards against this pest would sometimes damage nearby fields, so Swirsky and his team looked for an alternative.

"This little insect has already saved farmers over \$20 million," Doriel said proudly.

The Kibbutz Be'eri printing shop team won a Kaplan Prize for a machine it designed that prints a letter with an address, and cuts and folds it so that the letter faces in the address out, eliminating the need for an envelope. It saves time, paper and streamlines office work.

An official at the IDF ordnance corps developed a weapon systems designed to give better protection to soldiers in battle. "The greatness of these developments is that this equipment is not super-sophisticated and can be easily built and applied. For example the equipment he designed to clear minefields has been so successful that IDF is now exporting it to a number of friendly countries."

Doriel showed great pride in talking about SPI Suspension and Parts Ltd. for automotive parts for armoured vehicles. "This plant was on the verge of going broke but a group of workers by teamwork and great courage decided to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and today the plant is thriving and even exporting," said Doriel.

Zvi Yagil and his team at the Argaman Industries Ltd. textile plant received the prize for adapting the factory's boilers so that they could burn both coal and oil. This enables Argaman to purchase whichever fuel is cheaper at any given time.

A team from Elta Electronic Industries Ltd. received a Kaplan Prize for the development of a special electronic warfare counter measure unit housed under the wings of a fighter plane. The device confuses enemy radar, thus protecting the plane. "This device is also being exported to friendly countries; and Elta has already exported over \$100m. worth of this equipment," Doriel added.

## MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY/ALAN GEORGE

## Iraq readies giant water project

Iraq's latest water-supply project has been mooted for a decade, but radical design changes have been required because of rising salt levels in the Shatt Al-Arab, the estuary of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, on which Basra is sited.

In the late 1970s the now disbanded British consulting firm of Humphries and Brown designed a system calling for 100 million gallons per day of water to be taken from the Shatt near the city. The project was tendered in 1980, and again in 1984, and bids were submitted early last year.

The firm's study had found the water to be of reasonable quality, but by the time bids were in, the designs had been overtaken by rising salinity. To blame are a series of major Iraqi water-engineering schemes. First, there is the Lake Tharthar flood control system, far to the north. To protect Baghdad from seasonal flooding from the Tigris, the Samarra Barrage, 110 kilometres north of the city, was built in the late 1950s. Floodwaters have since been diverted west to the Tharthar depression, a natural basin in the desert, where a lake has formed.

"High evaporation and leaching rates, however, have led to high

levels of salinity in the Tharthar lake. To dilute the salts, a canal was built leading south to the Euphrates, but its discharges of salty lake water have significantly increased the river's salinity. A second canal is under construction leading from the first canal back to the Tigris. Its flow will raise sulphate levels in that river."

The Euphrates, with a longer course and serving more irrigation systems, has always been more saline than the Tigris. In the past, salts brought down into the Shatt Al-Arab by the Euphrates were diluted by the waters of the Tigris. Now, however, and even without the impact of the second canal from Lake Tharthar, the Tigris has itself become saline in its lower reaches as the result of a series of new demands on the river. At Samarra, large volumes are diverted into Lake Tharthar. North of Mosul, impoundment has been under way at the new Eski Mosul dam. In the south, the Iraqis have pumped huge volumes from the river to flood vast areas along their front lines as part of their Gulf war defences.

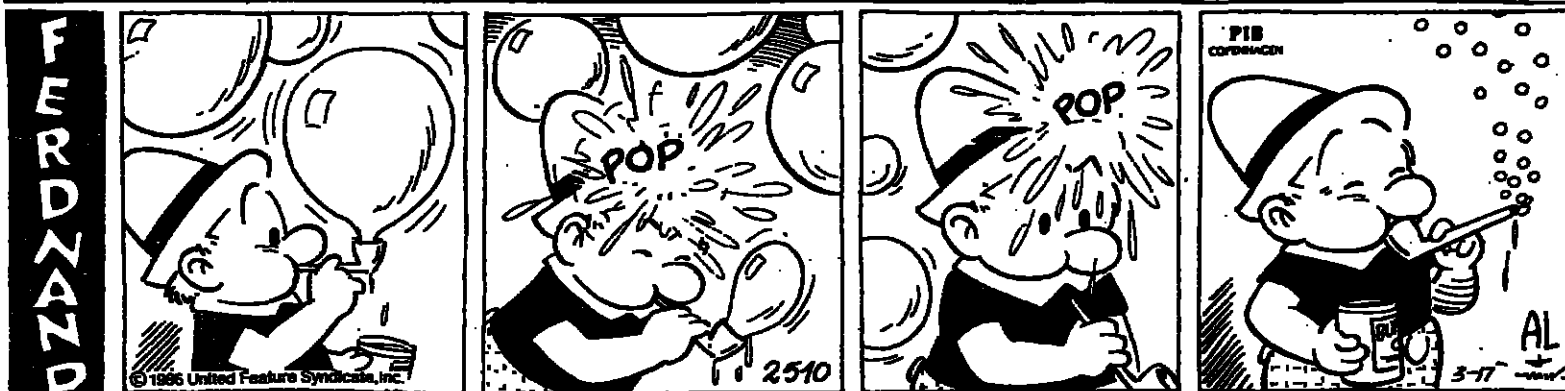
Moreover, because of the reduced flow in the Tigris, the extensive marshlands of the south receive less fresh water than before, and their run off is now much more saline.

A radical re-think of the Basra scheme was clearly needed, and last November Britain's Binnie and Partners were appointed to study the options. Their report, completed in March and forming the basis for the project as tendered, recommended a system centred on the river Gharraf, rather than the Shatt Al-Arab. The Gharraf is in fact a major irrigation canal leading south from Kut, on the Tigris, two-thirds of the way to Baghdad. As well as being well north of the worst salinity problems, the Gharraf, far from the Gulf war front, is comparatively safe from Iranian attack.

From the Gharraf, a 230 kilometres single pipeline of 1.6-1.8 metres diameter will carry 100 million gallons per day south to Basra and the nearby towns of Zubair, Qurna, Abu Khasib, Umm Qasr and Safwan.

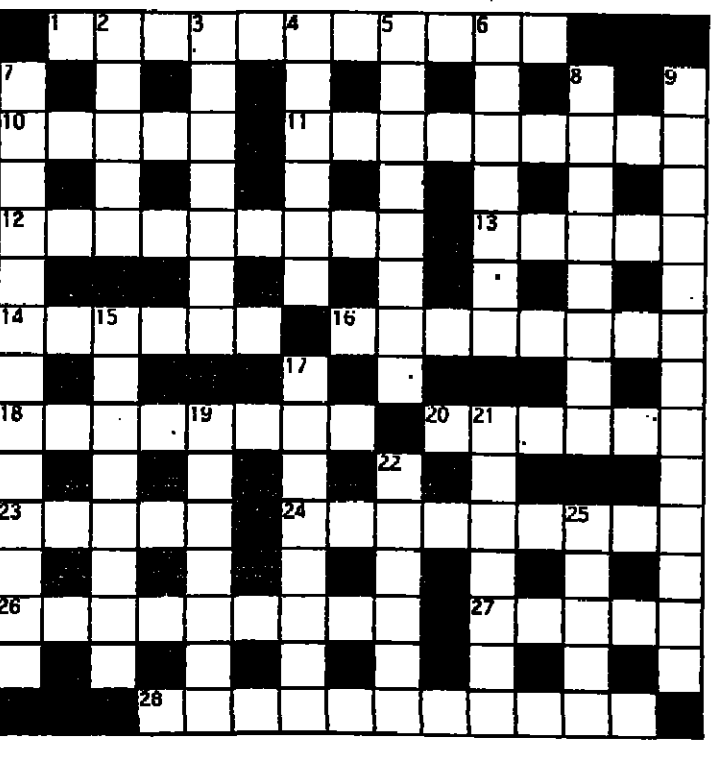
Construction contracts for the project are expected to be awarded by year's end, although the start of work will have to wait funding arrangements. Iraq's oil revenues have slumped with the collapse of world oil prices, and such resources as are available are being concentrated on the war effort. Foreign loans and credits will be essential for the scheme, which could cost over \$1 billion. (London Observer Service)

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JORDAN	DINAR	1	0.2563
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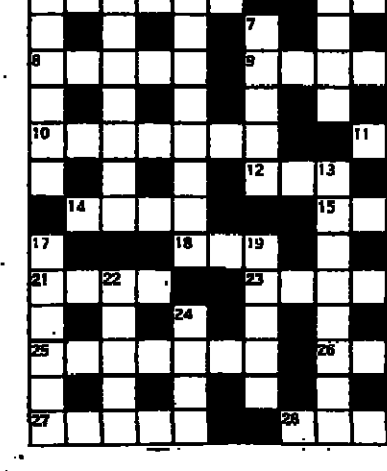
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## Betar pip Haifa in 89th minute

But, within a minute Betar had curbed the ecstasy of the Haifa fans. Eli Ohana, who had a patchy game

But there was a more than useful victory after a less than convincing performance for the other prime Tel Aviv side, Maccabi, who are also being touted as title contenders. Last week they disappointed in a 2-2 draw at Lod and yesterday, in the late game at Bloomfield, they looked for most of the time set to be on the receiving end of a hiding from Maccabi Jaffa, conquerors of Hapoel in the first round. Still, the Tel Avivians demonstrated that they are made of stern stuff this season. And that indeed is the material which fashions a championship bid. Despite their pallid midfield display, they got the goals when they

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mac Yavne	2	Hap Klar Sava	1
Hap Tel Aviv	0	Hap Beersheba	0
Mac Tel Aviv	3	Mac Jaffa	0
Mac Netanya	1	Hap Lod	0
Hap Petah Tikva	3	Betar Netanya	0
Mac Petah Tikva	1	Bet Tel Aviv	2
Bnei Yehuda	1	Shimshon	1
Mac Haifa	1	Bet Jerusalem	2

STANDINGS						
	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Bet TA	2	-	-	4	2	6
2. Bet Netanya	2	-	-	2	0	2
3. Mac TA	2	-	-	4	3	4
4. Bet Jaffa	1	1	-	4	3	4
5. Hap PT	1	-	1	3	4	3
6. Mac Sava	1	-	1	3	3	3
7. Mac Haifa	1	-	1	2	2	3
- Yavne	1	-	1	2	2	2
8. Mac Jaffa	1	-	1	2	2	2
10. Bet Yehuda	-	2	-	3	3	2
11. Shimon	-	2	-	1	1	2
12. Hap Lod	-	1	1	2	2	2
- Hap A	-	1	1	2	3	1
14 Mac PT	-	1	1	1	1	1
- Beersheva	-	1	1	1	1	1
16. Bet Netanya	-	-	2	0	4	0
SECOND DIVISION						
Bet Nahariya	0	Hap Haifa	1	1		
Hap Jerusaleim	0	Hap Acre	1	1		
Ramat Amidar	2	Hap Tiberias	1	1		
HaKochav RG	0	M Sharmayim	1	0		
7 Ramle	2	Hap Be'er	1	0		
Marmarok	1	Hap Eilat	2	0		
Hap Dimona	0	Hap RG	0	2		
Hap Hadya	2	Hap Beit Shean	2	0		
1. Hadara	2	-	-	8	3	6
2. Tiberias	2	-	-	7	4	6
3. Sharmayim	2	-	-	4	0	4
4. Hap Haifa	1	1	-	3	2	4
- Yehud	1	1	-	1	2	3
5. Holon	1	1	-	1	2	3
7. Ramle	1	-	1	4	6	2
8. Acre	2	-	2	2	2	2
9. Beit Shean	2	-	2	2	2	2
10. Hap RG	-	2	2	1	1	2
11. Dimona	-	2	2	0	0	2
12. Marmarok	1	2	1	1	1	2
13. Hap Tm	-	2	2	1	4	1
14. HaKochav	-	2	2	0	2	0
- Nahariya	-	2	2	0	2	0
16. Amidar	-	2	2	7	0	0

**Hap TA 0, Beersheba 0**

# Champions put up poor display

Miki Ben Shitrit joined Gil Landau in attack. The remainder of the first half saw these two attackers ex-

Schweitzer obviously made an impression on his players during the half-time break. They returned to

What was missing throughout was a "joker" capable of producing a goal.

# Downing's 2 homers bring Angels title

victory to lead the Astros to the National League Western Division championship. Scott, who has a league-leading 298 strikeouts, extended to 28 the number of consecutive innings in which Astro pitchers have shutout their opponents.

**Cleveland 9, Seattle 7**  
Brook Jacoby triped home Otis Nixon in the 12th inning and scored on second baseman Harold Reynolds' error on the relay throw to give the Cleveland Indians a victory over the Seattle Mariners.



	WL	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	91	61	.599	-
Toronto	85	69	.552	7
New York	83	70	.542	8½
St. Louis	81	73	.526	11
Philadelphia	78	76	.506	14
Pittsburgh	72	81	.471	19½
Washington	71	83	.461	21

## **OLF**

## Auton review

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**Toronto 1 Boston 0**  
 Jesse Barfield broke up the longest scoreless duel at Fenway

**Chicago 4, St. Louis 1**  
Rick Sutcliffe ended his eight-frame losing streak with his first victory since June 2 and Gary Matthe-

**IN HEAVEN.** The California Angels reason to jump skyward with Doug Mientkiewicz (center) as the Angels clinch the division.

Brian Jay Downing (r) has every  
le Cincos (l) and Wally Joyner  
on title.

San Francisco	89	65	578	
San Jose	80	74	519	- 9
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San Francisco	71	83	461	18
San Jose	71	83	461	18

...the prizes, as well as perfume  
mentoes to all 81 participants,  
among whom were Tal Brodie and  
Zimmerman.

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## Out with a whimper

DR. BURG, a permanent fixture in every Israeli cabinet has submitted his resignation. And while there are those in his National Religious Party who chafe at the fact that the resignation is not immediate, but rather linked to the convening of the next Knesset session, such quibbling is of little general interest.

What is of interest is the sheer length of Dr. Burg's hold on high office. It is only in Communist countries where politicians can grow old in executive office, immune from the rhythms of change in their society. That such a phenomenon exists in democratic Israel as well, is of course, a comment on our political and party system.

Dr. Burg's career is merely an extreme case of the kind of rigidities that burden the party system as a whole. Their origin is well known - the proportional system of representation which leads to centralized party structures. The result is that the few at the top - as distinct from their parties as a whole - are virtually unaccountable to the electorate.

Moreover, the smaller the party, the less it feels accountable. Catering to a sector of the electorate, the small parties seek only a limited number of Knesset seats and a limited Cabinet presence. Their leaders more or less reelect themselves and "serve" their constituency by remaining in office, the better to direct the spoils of office their way. Not even electoral erosion - the loss of a few Knesset seats - shakes their hold. For the spoils delivery system is not impaired.

From the start, Dr. Burg and his party were the arch examples of this pattern. And even when his party, always divided within, split into parts, he was able to assure his position. He presided over the decline of the National Religious Party with nary a scratch, as if electoral fortune and tenure in office were wheels that turned separately, unlinked to each other.

Bred in this experience, and reared as well in a party notorious for its in-house politicking, Dr. Burg wielded his party's usages in national office. He became the symbol, not of an ideological movement whose contribution to Zionism and statehood deserved regard and respect, but of opportunistic politics, Israeli style.

He became as well the symbol of Cabinet officers, whose ministerial responsibilities are of secondary interest - necessary and burdensome accoutrements to the exercise of power for partisan aims.

Perhaps when future historians, with access to Cabinet records, look back, they may find a Dr. Burg who at critical junctures in the state's life lent his voice and his vote to choices that proved wise.

Let us hope that will be the case. But that would only highlight the irony inherent in his career. For if, as his NRP foes claim, he victimized his party, Dr. Burg was just as much a victim of the system which made his long tenure possible. That system which gives pride of place to survival paradoxically also diminishes the survivors.

That is a trade-off Dr. Burg will presumably know how to bear.

## Yosef Goell

AT the end of the two years of his premiership, and less than three weeks before he is committed to hand over his office to the Likud's Yitzhak Shamir, Shimon Peres can take credit for three major accomplishments. The most intangible of the three may well prove to have been the most important and the longest lasting: the perceptible improvement in the tenor of political debate between the two major parties which was undeniably due to Peres's determination to bring it about, both by keeping other members of his own party more or less in line and by fostering good personal relations with Shamir.

Peres, of course, deserves high marks, together with his party opponent and possible future contender for the party leadership, Yitzhak Rabin, for getting the armed forces out of Lebanon.

The last fortnight's events in the security zone of South Lebanon undeniably raise serious doubts as to the permanence of that achievement. But that is certainly nothing for which either Peres or Rabin can be blamed. Neither they, nor their Likud predecessors can be held responsible for Syrian policy, for the rise of the Hizbollah or for Khmeini.

There is good reason to believe that had we not taken the IDF out of Lebanon, nearly in its entirety, the scores of casualties recently suffered by the South Lebanese Army would have been suffered by the IDF. The debacle of our three-year presence in Lebanon provided a good example of what emerged from a simplistic determination to find a permanent solution to our problems in the

anarchic quagmire that is Lebanon, by the application of brute force.

Peres also deserves much of the credit for the implementation of a partial economic policy that succeeded in bringing down inflation from its astronomical height to the present low two-digit level. His partner in sharing that credit was Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, who pulled off the well-nigh impossible feat of getting the country's rebellious union leaders and rank and file to go along with a real, albeit temporary, cut in net incomes, while maintaining a more than acceptable level of industrial peace.

Also sharing the kudos in that department should be U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz, whose presence at that post during the past few years, is for an *apokryfos* like me, one of the most persuasive proofs of the existence of a benevolent God.

It is impossible, if one remains committed to the truth, to seek to include the name of former minister of finance Yitzhak Moda'i among those who should share the credit. The vitriolic personality traits he injected into the political system far outweighed whatever marginal contributions he made to the implementation of economic policy.

One must add, however, that in regard to economic policy, what was accomplished was entirely connected with symptoms, both important and superficial. The substantive problems of a stagnant economy that have been plaguing us since the Yom Kippur War have not yet been addressed in any way. It is thus difficult to try to predict whether the economic policy accomplishments of the past year or so will continue to hold if the Americans hold true to their word that they will not continue

with the extraordinary level of economic aid, which made the anti-inflationary policy possible last year.

ALL OF THESE were accomplishments of Peres's first year in office. During his second year, his balance sheet is much less complimentary. It consists largely of atmospheric, and "movement" which resulted in dashed hopes that were never realistic in the first place; and in a series of photos from Hassan's palace at Ifrane in Morocco, from Mubarak's palace at Ras e-Tin, from Reagan's Oval Office in the White House and last week, from a room at the end of a corridor at U.N. headquarters, with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Last year, Peres's successive retreats to an "accompanying forum," to "an umbrella" and finally to open espousal of an international conference, from his earlier opposition to such a modality as an alternative to Israel's demand for direct talks with the Arabs, was supposed to bring King Hussein and "authentic" Palestinians to the conference table. They didn't.

What remains from that maneuver to be used against Israel at some time in the future, is the record of an Israeli prime minister who agreed to an international conference with the participation of the Soviets and with thinly-disguised representatives of the PLO.

Israel's concessions on the terms of arbitration over the Taba dispute - itself a question of marginal importance - were supposed to turn over a new leaf in relations with Egypt and to warm up Mubarak's cold peace. They didn't. What Peres achieved was Mohammed Bassiouny's promotion from charge d'affaires to ambassador, the pleasure of confronting Osama al-Baz, some

kosher meals at Ras e-Tin, and the thankless task of lobbying in Washington for increased financial aid to Egypt.

That and the photos, of course, but no significant breakthrough on the important issues of normalization. Mubarak, who felt constrained to meet with Peres on the eve of his trip to Washington, made it quite clear that that would be the last Egyptian-Israeli summit for a long time. And remember the hoo-ha over the meeting with the Soviets at Helsinki? It is an interesting question whether Peres, who is a clever man, ever believed that any of this "movement" would really lead to some meaningful breakthroughs. Ezer Weizman seems to believe so. But Peres? One is entitled to entertain doubts in that regard.

SO WHY does a smart man like Peres go through the motions? First of all, for the same reason given by the mountain-climber setting out to tackle Everest. "Because it's there." Peres's concept of the premier, and apparently of himself, is that of an initiating statesman fully engaged in such "movement." That is what a prime minister does. And that is what Peres has always hoped he would do when he finally got to be prime minister. The fact that the objective conditions would seem to make such movement pointless at the present time is neither here nor there.

But there would seem to be an additional explanation. Peres's major problem in the next two years will be that of retaining his position as leader of the Labour Party. It is far from being a foregone conclusion. His successes in his first year as prime minister, and simply his being prime minister, served to obscure the fact

that his leadership of Labour is far from being accepted by the party's king-makers, as were those of Ben-Gurion, Eshkol or Golda.

In his position within his party, Peres is much closer to the situation of Shamir in the Likud. Had Peres at least been able to prove that during his term as premier, his achievements had succeeded in breaking the electoral deadlock between Labour and the Likud and that under his leadership there was a very good chance of Labour winning the next election, things would have been very different.

Had there been evidence of such a break in the split in the electorate, it may well be that Peres would have joined the overwhelming majority of his party in opposing the rotation and going to early elections now or in the last half year. But there was no evidence of such a breakthrough.

Peres will thus be faced with the need to fight to retain his preeminent status in his party at a time when his major party opponent, Rabin, will continue as Labour's most important minister in the Shamir government. Establishing himself in the party's view as its foremost representative to the world at large, and Labour's best choice for leader in case of a possible breakthrough in the wall of Arab hostility to Israel, would seem to be Peres's best bet for winning that fight.

There is good reason to believe that the fight will resume. The trace between Rabin and Peres, and the absence of any real challenges by third forces in the party, may not hold in a situation in which Peres is no longer prime minister. His insistence on going through with the rotation rather than going to early elections, may yet prove to have been his major political mistake.

## READERS' LETTERS

### SLAUGHTER ON THE ROADS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - All kinds of suggestions have been made to improve the conditions on the roads and the education of drivers. Unfortunately, we may improve till doomsday but we will not "improve" or change the mentality of the Israeli driver.

I am frequently on the roads and it always amazes me how little the average Israeli driver cares about safety. He is the most impatient driver and he cannot stand anybody driving in front of him. He must overtake even at the danger of a head-on collision.

But the worst offence is his total disregard of the speed limit. According to law, all roads in Israel have a speed limit of 80 km. unless shown otherwise. There are roads where one can safely drive faster than 80 km., but the absence of any speed limit signs induces drivers to forget

that they are in an 80 km. zone. I suggest to the responsible agency to put up 80 km. road signs in these zones just as they have put up the 90 km. signs.

However there is only one way to deter drivers from speeding, and that is with hefty fines.

I would suggest the following fines for speeding violations: for the first offence, the fine should be the equivalent of \$250 and suspension of the driving licence for one month. A second offence should entail a fine of \$500 and licence suspension for six months. A driver caught a third time for a speeding violation should be fined \$1,000 and his licence revoked forever.

I am convinced that the above suggestion would reduce the death toll on our roads dramatically.  
HENRY C. GEITHEIM  
Arad.

### ENGLISH TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Your response to Doris Dikstein's letter of September 8 on the Jerusalem English Telephone Directory, was that forms were sent out to subscribers in which they had the opportunity to spell their names. Apparently, for some reason, few responded, as anyone who peruses the book can see.

Bezek states in the directory that the translation was entrusted to a computer. But how can anyone teach a computer to decide whether the Hebrew letter *peh* should be rendered as P or as F, the letter *bet* as B or V, the letter *vav* as W, V, U or O, etc? How would it choose a vowel if none appears in Hebrew?

Consequently, Vandervelde is listed as Vandrudla, Fuert as Pirat, Wohlgelemer as Volgelreiter and Elfenbein as Alfenbenie. Elfriede becomes Alfaria, Genovaiva is Ginoababa, Claire is Kir and Jose becomes Chusa. Catrils and Quip-

tail are not the names of dishes but of the families of Catarivas and Kauf-teil.

Nor did the computer do better with institutions and companies - Reuters Agency, Kaitex Co., Regensi Ltd., Kasa Nova Institute, Avengelic Lutheran Church, Senat Charles Hospice, Kritis for Children, etc. The book gives the address of the Roman Catholic Patriarch as Greek Monastery.

Lists of hotels, restaurants and pharmacies are of course given in alphabetical order. So how come the Capitol and Feisal hotels are to be found towards the end of the list while the Windmill and President are near the beginning? Because in the original Hebrew that is where they belong, but nobody bothered to rearrange the English version. Is that the best Bezek could do?  
G. SHOMRON  
Jerusalem.

### NEVE SHALOM'S IDEALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - On my arrival from a trip abroad, I read the letter of Mrs. Rita Watson to The Jerusalem Post of September 4, "Propaganda at Neve Shalom."

Neve Shalom, as a village and a school for peace, has no political label, and refuses to be linked to any political party or institution. Our aim is to work towards reconciliation and peace through living together and through encounters and education of young Jews and Arabs in, and towards, dialogue, listening to the other one, discovering and accepting the other one in the integrity of his identity. The members of Neve Shalom are all Israeli citizens; that means men and women for whom political realities are very important issues, because they involve the most fundamental aspects of justice and human relations in this country. Every member is free to have his or her own personal opinion and vision of the world, still respecting those of the others. If they happen to speak of Neve Shalom, they must absolutely avoid presenting their personal opinion as if it were the stand of the

whole village. I am very sorry if the visit of the members of the International Congress of Applied Psychology in Israel, under the guidance of Elias, left the impression that "what began as a noble experience (is now) reduced, to a platform for one-sided Palestinian political propaganda."

To my regret, the work accomplished by the members of our village requires such a great amount of energy and time, that we have not yet been able to create an appropriate organization for receiving guests; we apologize for the mishaps that may have occurred as a consequence of that lack.

BRUNO HUSSAR, O.P.  
Neve Shalom.

### TRUE FRIEND OF THE HARP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - It was with great regret that I learned of the death of Yohanan Boehm.

On behalf of the World Harp Congress, may I express the great appreciation and respect with which he was regarded in the harp world. His willingness to participate in and give support to international harp activities made him a true friend of the harp.

He found time to attend the events of the second World Harp Congress which was held last summer at Kiryat Anavim. His honest, no-nonsense approach to musical performance coupled with his salty humour made his participation delightful as well as meaningful to those attending. He will be missed.

ANN STOCKTON  
Chairman  
World Harp Congress  
Washington, D.C.

### TERRORISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I would like to hear what the Jerusalem District Court has to say about the light sentencing of Kach "activist" Craig Leimer (September 12).

At no time does your article refer to Leimer as a terrorist, which he clearly is. What else would you call a person who shoots innocent people, huris petrol bombs and wilfully destroys private property?  
GRANT LITTLE  
Ein Yahav.

### LITTER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I just returned to New York two days ago after my first visit to Israel. I rented a car in Tel Aviv and, guided by a guidebook, drove around the entire country from top to bottom. I saw every city, every tel, every synagogue (both ancient and new), met hundreds of people and after three incredible weeks, can honestly say that it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life on so many different levels. It was a tremendously emotional feeling to find myself exploring places where my ancestors had lived and worked and fought thousands of years ago. I will definitely be back.

I was amazed at how well prepared I had been for what I found in Israel. A lifetime of exposure through the media, family and friends had given me a very accurate impression of what it would be like. The only thing, however, that I had not been prepared for at all and, in fact, was totally taken aback by, amounts to my only criticism. And that criticism is litter.

I've travelled all my life and have never before seen a litter problem like the one that exists in Israel except perhaps in one or two of the poorest Caribbean countries. The roadsides throughout the entire

country are literally lined with empty soda cans, bottles and strewn paper. In the course of my visit, I drove on almost every road in the country and once, only once, did I see a sign asking people not to litter. I walked miles through the desert to reach archaeological digs only to find litter. And, the beach in Eilat at the end of the day was one of the most shocking sites I've ever seen.

In New York, which I used to think was pretty dirty, the problem was never as bad as what I saw in Israel, but bad enough. A few years ago a bottle law was passed requiring a five cent deposit on all bottles and cans. It changed New York dramatically. In a few short years it is now almost impossible to find a bottle or can on the ground, as it is now like throwing away cash, and even if one person is cavalier enough to discard money, there is invariably someone else who is willing to pick it up.

I feel almost silly bringing up the subject of littering in a country like Israel where so many questions of life and death are on everyone's minds on a daily basis, but it truly is an important matter as regards the quality of life. If something isn't done about it, it will only get worse.  
HOWARD GOLDBERG  
New York.

### NO EXTRADITION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In his comments about the extradition of William Nakash, (September 10), Professor Feller removes the issue from its context and considers the matter as if only Israel were involved. Professor Feller

should be reminded that France allows anti-Israel terrorist groups complete freedom of movement on its soil. In the absence of reciprocity, there is no reason to appease France by extraditing William Nakash.  
Holon. MICHAEL GREENGARD

## POSTSCRIPTS

**P.S.** IN ROUEN, France, a 14-year-old high-school student was slapped publicly in the face once in turn by each of his 40 classmates under orders from a teacher who accused the student of vandalizing gym equipment, school officials confirmed recently.

The student, identified only as Arnaud, was "traumatized and humiliated" by the punishment but was in otherwise good health, according to his father, whose name also was withheld.

School officials said several parents had expressed "horror" after hearing of the incident.

Some of the parents said their children held back, giving Arnaud only perfunctory slaps. Both girls and boys participated in the punishment, school officials said.

The teacher, identified by school officials only as physical education teacher Jean-Pierre C., 48, said he decided to punish Arnaud through his own classmates after discovering the latest in a series of vandalism of athletic equipment.

Corporal punishment in high schools is illegal in France, but Arnaud's father said he did not plan to file a police complaint. Instead, he told reporters, he wanted to face the physical education teacher "man-to-man" to settle the matter.

**P.S.** A BUS DRIVER in Birmingham, England, who lost 15 centimetres from the top of his double-decker bus in an encounter with a bridge has been fired. Donald Randall was sacked for "gross misconduct" after losing his appeal to a disciplinary hearing held by the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive.

Randall was suspended when the top deck of his bus, which stands 4.4 metres high, was ripped off as he drove under a railway bridge with a 4.25-metre clearance.

There were no passengers on the bus at the time. Randall was believed to have been taking a shortcut to the bus garage when he hit the bridge.

**P.S.** HUNDREDS of mentally ill men and women are being chained, imprisoned and tortured at a shrine in western India in an effort to exorcise "demons," The Indian Express reported recently.

The Express, India's largest-circulation English-language newspaper, reported that hundreds of disturbed people are taken to the Mira Data shrine every day for treatment of numerous disorders.

Reporter Prabha Soni wrote that on a recent visit, she saw at least six people "beaten up and pushed around" by relatives and caretakers. Others were tied or chained, she reported.

The shrine to a Moslem holy man is located at Unava, 195 kilometres from Ahmedabad.

"The 'mad' are chained like animals, pulled and goaded by relatives and caretakers for forced to participate in strange rituals, as they are believed to be under the influence of evil spirits," she wrote.

**P.S.** AN ENGLISH country church that installed a stuffed owl to scare off bats which make a mess on the pews has been warned that it is breaking the law.

The state-funded Nature Conservancy Council ruled that as bats are protected animals discouraging them from using their favourite roost is an offence under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Protection Act.

The edict upset Maj. Harry Porter, a retired army officer who is churchwarden at the 12th century St. James Anglican Church in Birlingham, near Worcester. He moves the owl, nicknamed Ollie, strategically around the church and sometimes puts it on the ledge of the pulpit.

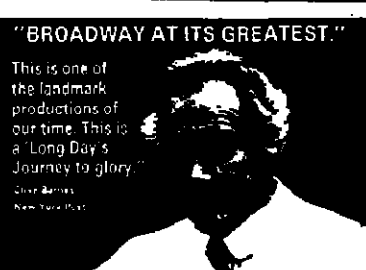
"It is nonsense to say there is a law against putting a stuffed owl in our church," the major told a reporter. "The conservationists should come and clean the church for nothing - and they can keep the bats in their own homes."

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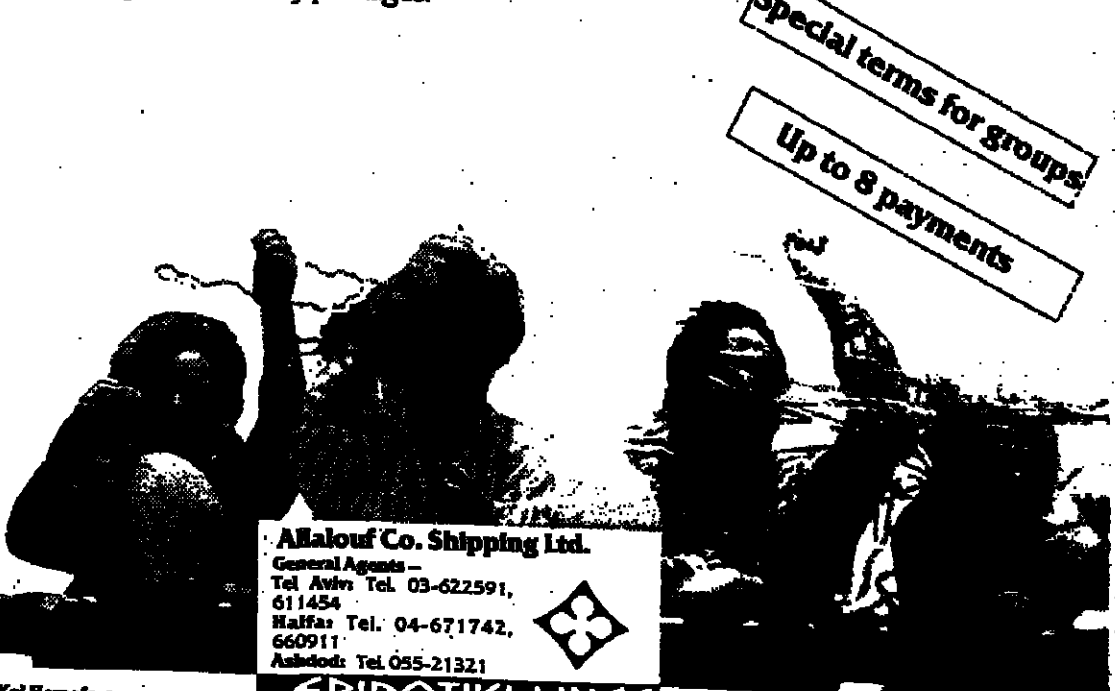
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